



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2018

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COMMUNITY SHELTER CHRISTMAS BAG UPDATE

"The Social Ministry Committee collected and assembled 32 Christmas gift bags for residents of Community Shelter Services (16 men and 16 women). The members of Immanuel donated most of the items needed for the bags. Denise Arnold made headbands and scarves for all residents; she also made tote bags for women and men. We used \$250 Thrivent Grant plus \$375 from Social Ministry Budget and donations to buy the rest.



Denise Arnold & some of the hand-made tote bags



Some of the Women's items



Men's Items

Each resident received: Thrivent T-shirt, tote bag, head band, scarf, gloves, 2 pair socks, 6 razors, 4 washcloths, 3 hand warmers, 2 notepads, 3 pens, 1 pocket calendar, bag of hard candies, 2 lip balms, 1 packet of tissues and a 5 ride bus pass.

In addition, we provided \$5.00 McDonald's gift cards for (10) residents with children. Thanks to all the members of Immanuel for their generosity! We could not have done all this without your help!"

Check out more pictures on our website at:
<http://www.ilc-erie.org/social-ministry.html>

Thank you



Joe helping to inventory items



Beautiful totes & joyful volunteers

**THANKS AGAIN TO ALL THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**



Poinsettias Were Given To The Glory Of God By:

Barb & Wally Coughlin - in honor of Dennis & Greg Coughlin and in memory of George, Jo-Ann & Eric Popplewell and Sally & Pat Coughlin

Char & Dick Feiler: in honor of our children & grandchildren and in memory of our parents and granddaughter.

Cindy & Dave Eckman: in honor of Pearl Young

Carol Ketchel: in memory of William & Helen Byrd, my parents.

Kim & Mike Lee: in honor of her children, Justin, Alexandra & Samantha

Karen Lundwall: in memory of Loved Ones

David & Hannah Mays: in honor of Ryan, Tiffany, Kylie, Aydan & Adalyn Mays and Jennifer, Steve, Tyler, & Jared Minski

Kim, Vic, Elva, Trista & Nathan Paternosh: in memory of John Paternosh

Bill & Debbie Redditt: in memory of Alice, Sam & Jeannine Kuntz

Tom & Judy Stewart: in honor of our grandchildren, Paige & Sydney Stewart and Ethan, Madelyn & Addison Lucht and to honor Immanuel's choirs for beautiful music and for leadership in the church.

Airi Suokas: in memory of my husband, Lauri Suokas



Donations To Abolish Hunger Were Given By:

Bob & Donna Dorler: in honor of Ronan, Taylor, Evelyn & Grace Dorler and in memory of Larry, Ruth, Charlotte & Christine Dorler & Lucille & Domenic Gambatese.

Cindy & Dave Eckman: in honor of Pearl Young

Cindy Geddes: in memory of Michelle Geddes Willey and Robert Case

Mary Hauser: in honor of my daughter, Christin Moreland

Karen Lundwall: in honor of the Holy Trinity Soup Kitchen volunteers from Immanuel

Carol McCray: in memory of my Mom & Dad, Marie & James McCray

Diane McGranor - in memory of my brother, Gordon Lindahl

Larry & Lori Nemenz: in honor and in memory of family near & far

Maria & John Siefert: in honor of our sons & their wives

Jeanette Swanson: in memory of my husband, Don Swanson

Thank you to the Sunday School staff and
students for the wonderful Christmas play
"Oh Christmas Tree".

We hope to see everyone back on January 7, 2018



**THANK YOU TO ALL
INVOLVED IN THE
CHRISTMAS PLAY!!**



Our **mitten trees** are up. Get your knitting/crocheting needles clicking or
watch for sales on mittens, gloves or scarves.

PLEASE HAVE ALL DONATIONS ON THE TREES BY 1/7/18

Carolyn Kuntz, Sunday School Superintendent



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

Did you know?

***The Liturgical color
for Christmas & The Baptism
of Our Lord/Epiphany is white
=***

PURITY, LIGHT & JOY

***The time after the Baptism –
the season of Epiphany is
green
=***

***OUR GROWTH IN CHRIST
– also a more neutral color***

January 2018

Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
1/7/18				
8:15	David Olson	Ben Reitz	Stan Holsopple	Cindy Eckman
10:45	David Olson	Anita Byrne	Cindy Geddes	Bob Dorler
1/14/18				
8:15	Jen Kuntz	Debbie Redditt	Rick Kuntz	Rick Kuntz
10:45	Jen Kuntz	Char Feiler	Debbie Redditt	Claudia Skerlong
1/21/18				
8:15	Jacque Holmberg	Stan Holsopple	Hannah Mays	Rick Kuntz
10:45	Jacque Holmberg	Stan Holsopple	Char Feiler	Debbie Madurski
1/28/18				
8:15	Pastor Al Dettter	Char Feiler	---	Bill Redditt
10:45	Pastor Al Dettter	Cindy Geddes	---	Lorraine Hornaman

Acolyte:

Altar Guild: Char Feiler/Debbie Madurski

Counters: John & Marie Siefert/Debbie Redditt

Ushers: Early: Jack Botwright Late: Bob Dorler

Soup Kitchen Items Needed: Canned Chicken

Soup Kitchen Delivery: Stan Holsopple

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

A special thank you:

Dave Mays (1st Service) and Janice Kreger (2nd Service) will be scheduling Worship Assts., Lay Distributors, and Lectors – they appreciate your willing support.

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
JANUARY 21ST PLEASE**



KEEP IN PRAYER: Lucie Arndt, Esther Bax, Brock Michael & his Mom-Carla, Betsy Case, Jeremy Cool, Pat Dehner, Carole DelPorto, Dominic, David Guthrie, Jim Hornaman, Pastor Huhn, Kyle Husted, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Phyllis Lindahl, Marie McKinney, Michael, Howard McGranor, Sharon Roemer, Crystal S., Pastor Schultz, Maria S., Debbie Sitter, Sophie Rene, 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 Mailing List is available in the office.

Current Shut-in list: Audree Adams, Esther Bax, Judi Casler, Patricia Dehner, Sally & "Shel" Fager, & Doris Roesch.

Judi Casler and Betsy Case have both had surgery recently and are recuperating – I'm sure they'd love to know you care!



CAN YOU HELP OUT?

New Year's Resolution Ideas: – the adult choir and bell choir are happy to have new members – visit us to check it out – talk to any of our members – maybe 2018 is your year to help provide special music here at Immanuel.

FAITH

IN

ACTION

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Thank you to outgoing Council members, President Dave Mays and Social Ministry Chair, Mary Hauser.

We look forward to the Council Installation later in January and welcoming new President, Ben Reitz;

VP, Debbie Redditt

and returning Secretary, Kim Lee.

Thank you as well to all those working behind the scenes to enrich our worship and provide for our safety and comfort while on the church grounds.

Gratitude to some of the members of the Altar Guild for the beautiful luminaries on Christmas Eve and beautiful Evergreen wreaths on the door – all items & time donated for the common good of all.

When we deal with extreme weather conditions as we have seen lately – our Caretaker, Wally Coughlin and our Property Committee folks work extra hard to provide what we come to expect as life here at Immanuel – our sincere gratitude to all!

We all know that the thank you list is endless but let us never take for granted the amazing stewardship that takes place here year-round – the sharing of creative and unique talents is what makes the difference in many instances.

Community Shelter Services

is accepting men's and women's coats, sweatshirts, jeans and boots, as well as new undergarments and socks. You may place them in the box marked Community Shelter Services in the Donation Center and we will deliver them.

Social Ministry Committee



Immanuel Quilters



The Immanuel Quilting Group is looking for cotton or cotton blend flat sheets (no flannel or 100% polyester please).....If you have old, flat sheets, twin sized or larger, that you no longer need, please leave them in the designated box at the Donation Center.

Sanctuary Candle & Altar Flowers



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 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.

Celebrations of Life and Love

January Birthdays

January 1	Willis Bax/Steve Holsopple
11	Kim Paternosh
12	Jeremy Cool
13	Lynn Jackson
15	Robin Steger
19	Jack Botwright
22	Mason Reitz
25	Debbie Redditt/Corrine Glover
26	Judy Sierota

Everyone enjoys receiving a card!

Congratulations to those celebrating!!!

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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January Anniversaries

It must have been too cold or snowy for anyone to get married!!

Rumor has it that there will be another

12th Night Celebration

coming in January – details are being worked out by Music Director, Bryan Timm. It should be another fun gathering – check out the pictures on our website from last year –

<http://www.ilc-erie.org/music.html>





With a grateful heart for God's boundless generosity and as an expression of my Christian stewardship, I make this commitment for Christ's church and the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

My/our commitment is: \$ _____
per week, or

per month, or \$ _____

per year \$ _____

I understand I may adjust my pledge at any time by contacting the church office.

Name _____ Date _____

Email address _____

(cut here)



Pledge Commitment for 2018 to Immanuel Lutheran Church

For my records, my commitment is:

\$ _____

per _____

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Please complete the 2018 pledge form – turn the top portion in to the office and retain the bottom for your budget files – Thank you.

Altar Guild 2018 Schedule

Sue/Sally/Penny

**March - Easter
May
August
November**

Donna/Judy

**February
April
July
September**

Char/Debbie M.

**January
June
October
December**

Altar Guild

Gretchen Andrews	838-3298	C/490-2464
Anita Byrne	398-7319	
Donna Dorler	833-2719	
Char Feiler	833-5865	C/440-4851
Sally Leubin	838-3039	
Debbie Madurski	774-3590	C/304-2941
Penny Maloney	838-7439	
Debbie Redditt	833-7024	C/449-1855
Sharon Roemer	835-2435	
Judy Stewart	838-2639	

Would you be interested in becoming involved in this ministry support at Immanuel – you are always welcome – ask any of the team captains - they'd appreciate your time and timing is somewhat flexible.

2018 COUNTING SCHEDULE

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS A KEY TO UNLOCK DRAWER AT BANK
FOR BAG WHEN DEPOSITING**

Jan	John Siefert	476-7290
and	Maria Siefert	476-7290
Feb	Debbie Redditt	833-7024
March	Stan Holsopple	833-8672
& Sept.	Denise Arnold	838-7068
April	Char Feiler	833-5865
& Nov.	Debbie Madurski	774-3590
May	Cindy Geddes	734-1286
& July	Barbara Coughlin	833-7198
June	Kim Lee	838-4022
& Dec.		
Aug	Stan Holsopple	833-8672
& Oct.	Denise Arnold	838-7068

SUBSTITUTES 2018

Bob Dorler	833-2719
Cindy Eckman	833-2889
George & Sue Pfeiffer	833-0797

Please arrange for a substitute if you cannot count.

Call the secretary at the church at 833-4062, if there must be a permanent change.

Money total and envelope total must be equal. ***Make sure there is an amount on each envelope and that it equals the amount in the envelope. ***Write down the name – amount – what for – on a piece of paper if check is not in an envelope or a non-numbered envelope.*** If an error cannot be found, make a note of the amount. No figures are to be changed by the counters!

List those paying for altar flowers and send to office. A separate list of memorials, Easter and Christmas flowers must be given to the office for the bulletins.

Supplies are ordered only through the office! Extras are on the bottom shelf of the counter's cabinet. When night deposit bags are low and deposit slips are low notify the church office. These will be ordered by the secretary or John Siefert (treasurer).

(updated 12/27/17 per info from C. Geddes)

2018 USHER SCHEDULE

HEAD USHER: BOB DORLER

<u>Month</u>	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>
<u>January</u>	<u>Jack Botwright</u>	<u>Bob Dorler</u>
<u>February</u>	<u>Hannah & David Mays</u>	<u>John & Maria Siefert</u>
<u>March</u>	<u>Rick Kuntz/Bill Redditt</u>	<u>Mike & Kim Lee</u>
<u>April</u>	<u>Bob Dorler, Jack Botwright</u>	<u>Tom Stewart/Rick Hetrick</u>
<u>May</u>	<u>Hannah & David Mays</u>	<u>Ben & Mason Reitz</u>
<u>June</u>	<u>Rick Kuntz/Bill Redditt</u>	<u>John & Maria Siefert</u>
<u>July</u>	<u>Bob Dorler, Jack Botwright</u>	<u>Mike & Kim Lee</u>
<u>August</u>	<u>Hannah & David Mays</u>	<u>Tom Stewart/Rick Hetrick</u>
<u>September</u>	<u>Rick Kuntz/Bob Dorler</u>	<u>Ben & Mason Reitz</u>
<u>October</u>	<u>Bob Dorler, Jack Botwright</u>	<u>John & Maria Siefert</u>
<u>November</u>	<u>Hannah & David Mays</u>	<u>Mike & Kim Lee</u>
<u>December</u>	<u>Rick Kuntz/Bill Redditt</u>	<u>Tom Stewart/Rick Hetrick</u>

January 2018

**** Happy New Year ****

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 OFFICE CLOSED - LORI OFF	3 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	4 BELL CHOIR 6:15 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:15 PM 7:00 PM Alanon	5 7:30 PM Friday AA	6
7 SUNDAY SCHOOL: ADULT: 9:00 K-TEEN:9:30AM Church Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND MITTEN TREE REMOVAL - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AFTER 2ND SERVICE	8 7pm Flagship City Chorus	9 AA 7:30 PM	10 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	11 BELL CHOIR 6:15 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:15 PM 7:00 PM Alanon	12 7:30 PM Friday AA	13
14 SUNDAY SCHOOL: ADULT: 9:00 K-TEEN:9:30AM Church Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM COUNCIL MTG 7 pm	15 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	16 AA 7:30 PM PROPERTY COMM. MTG. 7PM	17 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	18 BELL CHOIR 6:15 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:15 PM 7:00 PM Alanon	19 7:30 PM Friday AA	20
21 SUNDAY SCHOOL: ADULT: 9:00 K-TEEN:9:30AM Church Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM <u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u>	22 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	23 AA 7:30 PM	24 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	25 BELL CHOIR 6:15 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:15 PM 7:00 PM Alanon	26 7:30 PM Friday AA	27
28 SUNDAY SCHOOL: ADULT: 9:00 K-TEEN:9:30AM Church Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM	29 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	30 AA 7:30 PM	31 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM			

2018.....
"ON THE RADAR"-
INSTALLATION OF
COUNCIL
MEMBERS,

ANNUAL MEETING,
12TH NIGHT
CELEBRATION,
WHAT ELSE??

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



Immanuel Hours

Church Office – 833-4062

Hours - Mon-Thurs. 8:30am-12:30pm

Staff

Bell Choir: Director Lorraine Hornaman

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. – Ben Reitz – 460-0575

Vice Pres. – Debbie Redditt – 449-1855

Secretary Kim Lee - 838-4022

Council Members

Gretchen Andrews, Cindy Eckman, Debbie Madurski, Kim Lee, George Pfeiffer, Hannah Mays, Debbie Redditt, Ben Reitz, John Siefert

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*

***REMINDER: YEAR-END COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE**

Christian Education

Council liaison: Ben Reitz

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 ***Quarterly Celebrations of Life and Love***

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

Please consider a 2018 Pledge as we work to plan for the coming year. Use the form in the newsletter or pick one up at Church.

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Mary Hauser – Committee chair: vacant

Worship & Music

Bell Choir: 6:15 Adult Choir 7:15

Council liaison: Kim Lee Committee Chair: vacant

Meeting 1st Sunday of every other month, even months - after late service



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