



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2017

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COME ONE, COME ALL!

Fellowship, Outreach, and Growth will be hosting the “Weather in Your Neighborhood” picnic on Wednesday, August 2nd. Please join us for an evening of fun with WJET TV doing live weather reports right from our church, beginning at 5:00 PM. Bring a dish to share, along with your own table service. The church will provide hot dogs, freshly made French fries, and beverages, and Brooklyn Pizza will be providing us with their delicious pizza. You are welcome to bring a friend. We hope to see you there to make this an enjoyable time for all.

Highlights from the NWPALCA
Synod's office calendar

08/27/2017 – 4:00 pm
Lutherans in North America

Rev. Dr. Maria Erling
Tabor Lutheran Church, 200 Dawson Street,
Kane, PA

Watchword August 2017

*“But God has helped me to this very day:
so I stand here and testify to small and
great alike.”*

Acts 26:22

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Dear members and friends of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

The previous 2 months have been busy for me. As indicated in my last article, I attended a continued education class - which was published in our Synod's newsletter- for my re-certification as Chaplain through the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF- <https://www.icisf.org>). These 2 days of education were very interesting. Tools out of this class are transferable into the congregational setting as well and I have implemented them already in my planning for future communications/events here at Immanuel. It was nice to see Deacon Nancy Guthrie, (she got consecrated on May 7, 2017 at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Conneaut, OH) there as well and to assist her in this new field for her.

My academic TEEM-Education was moving along with another session with Bishop Jones on June 10th, 24th and July 8th. On June 11th I met with Bishop Jones again in preparation for the Synodical Trip in July to the areas where Martin Luther served in Germany. You will hear and see more about this trip in October, since we are celebrating Reformation Sunday.

Before this exciting trip to the homeland of Martin Luther I had the privilege to serve at **DIAKONIA 2017** (<http://www.diakonia-world.org/2017/Chicago2017.shtml>) at Loyola University as Greeter at the Airport, Interpreter, Small Group Facilitator, Hostess to the professional translators and to the technical assistant; First Responder and other little things like offering my cell phone to call to Germany and to the group health insurance in Munich. Or being a guide for Bishop Eaton to our conference – after all Loyola's Campus is quite large. The little things led to invitations to Tanzania and Switzerland for example. It was amazing to meet up with my 2 ladies, who were my roommates at DIAKONIA 2013 in Berlin, Germany and to meet Sr. Ilse from Berlin again.

My focus in this article will be my report about Synod Assembly.

We gathered for this important event, which offers first-hand information about the life and vitality of the Lutheran Church in our region and at large - at Thiel College from June 15th-17th.

The Assembly was opened in prayer and song. We received greetings from the President of Thiel College. The report from registration indicated that 130 people attended this assembly. We heard different reports:

- Nominations,
- Reference and Council,
- from the Bishop,
- Pr. Brian Riddle's report about his trip to Germany,
- from the Treasurer,
- Camp Lutherlyn,
- World Hunger,
- from Gettysburg Seminary,
- Bethesda Children's Home,
- from the Vocations Committee, which includes the presentation of the current Seminarians (including TEEM-Candidates) and Ordinands,
- Institute for Ministry Education Report,
- Leadership Support Committee Report,
- Reformation 500,
- ELCA Representative Report,
- PA Council of Churches.

We celebrated anniversaries of rostered leaders and congregations. We heard the keynote speaker Derek Nelson and enjoyed the "Little Luther Show" from Scott Bryte. Several different workshops were offered:

- Heart-Rhythms: Music from my heart to your heart
- Every hymn has a story
- Gifts on Purpose with Purpose
- How to open a Food Pantry
- Praying with Scripture & the Confessions
- Connecting Faith Practices & Mission
- Preparing for a NWPAs Synod "Green Team"
- Your Congregation's Constitution: A living document of Lutheran Identity & Witness
- Developing a Ministry Funding Plan

The following Synod Council Recommendations were adopted:

- **Synod Council Recommendation #1** – that the proposed agenda be adopted and permission be granted for the chair to address items/issues as deemed appropriate
- **Synod Council Recommendation #2** – that the Synod Budget Parameters be set at \$823,146.
- **Synod Council Recommendation #3** – that the Synod's Compensation Guidelines be amended for 2017 to reflect an increase to the base salary for those with a bachelor's

degree to \$31,700 and for those with a master's degree to \$34,000. (These increases are slightly more than 2%.)

- **Synod Council Recommendation #4** – that the Synod's Mission Support Formula be affirmed for 2017.

Congregations of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod will determine their response/commitment to the synodical budget as 20% of total current regular giving by members as reported on line 15a of the congregational annual report. A congregation may not set a commitment below the prior year's level of commitment without a consultation* with the office of the bishop.

For those congregations below the figure as determined by the above stated formula, it is expected that an increase of at least ½ of the current regular giving will be added each year as needed in moving toward the goal of 20%. (This was a goal of this Synod since the beginning of this Synod.)

*Face to face at council meeting, congregational meeting.

- **Synod Council Recommendation #5** – that the Synod's budget for 2018 be adopted.
- **Synod Council Recommendation #6** – that S8.42 d be amended to read: Maintenance of a regular account with each congregation of this synod and informing the congregation, at least semi-annual, of the status of this account.
- **Synod Council Recommendation #7** – that S8.51 c be amended to read: The treasurer of this synod shall be appointed to a four-year term and be reappointed.
- **Synod Council Recommendation #8** – **needs clarification, if this was adopted or not! I will call the Synod office and inquire again about this! To be complete, I'm listing this information.**

that the Synod creates the role of assistant treasurer.

- **Synod Council Recommendation #9** – that constitution, bylaws and continuing resolution revisions from the 2016 church-wide Assembly be approved for the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions.

Please approach me for a new copy of the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions of the Synod, reflecting the changes.

These are just some details of the Synod Assembly. I hope I was able to highlight, how diverse and interesting Synod Assembly is, not to mention the 2 beautiful worship services we had.

It is important that Immanuel Lutheran will be represented with 2 delegates next year again, so your vote and therefore your voice during votes will be heard!

Your servant in Christ Jesus,

Vicar Cowey, LDA-Deaconess, BCC

*For your calendar:
Praying the Small Catechism
Thursdays at 11am – except 08/31/17
at Panera Bread, Yorktown Center, 2501 W 12th St, Erie PA*

Welcome to Worship in August:

August 6 Lectionary 18 - Hunger

08:15am (spoken & outside) and 10:00am

August 13 Lectionary 19 – eye opening

08:15am (spoken & outside) and 10:00am

August 20 Lectionary 20 – great faith

08:15am (spoken & outside) and 10:00am

August 27 Lectionary 21 – keys

08:15am (spoken & outside) and 10:00am

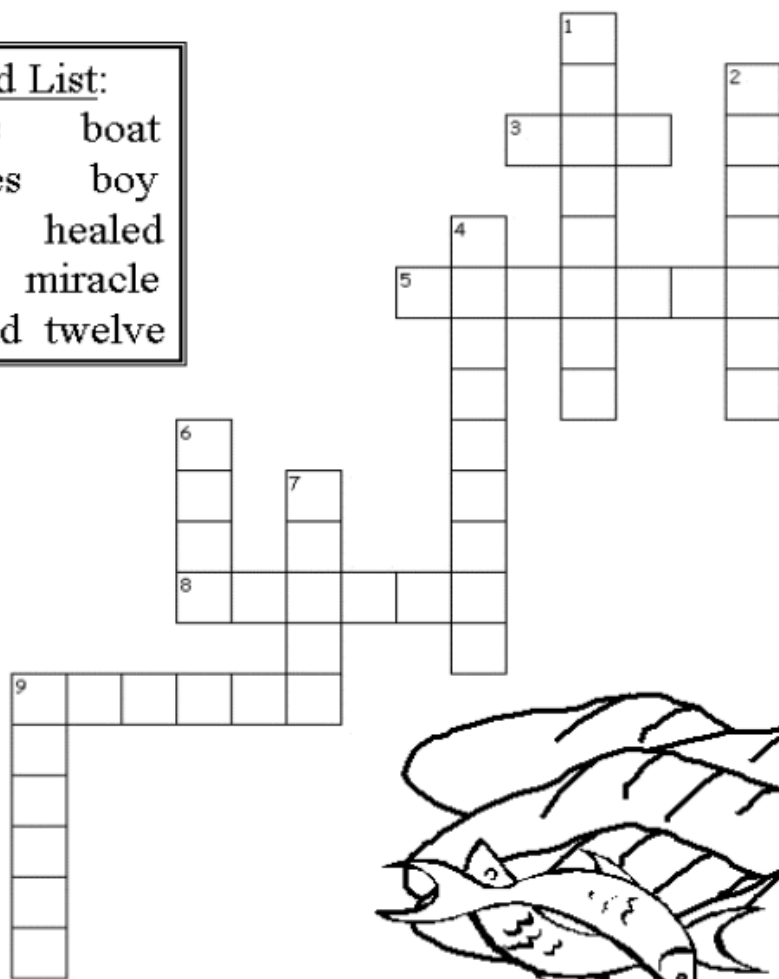
Bring friends and neighbors!



Please Note: Please inform the Vicar when you are going into the hospital. If you want to be visited, please let us know. Thank you. Vicar's cell phone is: 717-650-0999

Jesus Feeds 5000 Crossword

Word List:	
baskets	boat
disciples	boy
bread	healed
hungry	miracle
thousand	twelve



Across

- Jesus used this persons small lunch to feed five thousand.
- Jesus performed this on the boy's lunch and still does them today.
- This is how many baskets of food were left over.
- One of the other miracles Jesus did that day was that he ____ people.

Down

- Five ____ people followed Jesus just to listen to Him and be healed.
- Jesus filled enough of these to feed all the people.
- The ____ doubted how they would feed all the people.
- This was Jesus and the disciples' transportation that day.
- The boy had 2 small fish and 5 pieces of ____ in his lunch.
- Everyone was ____ that's why Jesus performed the miracle.



Trust in God

- Matt 9:22** ...Your faith has made you _____.
- Mark 9:23** ...All things are possible to him that _____.
- Romans 11:20** By their _____ they were broken off.
- 1 John 5:4** ...The victory that _____ the world, even our faith.
- Psalms 33:21** For our heart shall _____ in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name.
- James 1:6** But let him ask in faith, nothing _____.
- 1 Timothy 6:12** Fight the good _____ of the faith.
- Proverbs 29:25** ...Whoever puts his _____ in Jehovah shall be safe.
- Matthew 21:22** And all things, whatever you shall ask in _____, believing, you shall receive.

Christian Education

Council liaison: Ben Reitz



Sunday School Newsletter – August 2017

Hi from the second floor education office. WOW, what a great vacation bible school we just had. Our combined super hero VBS with Lakewood Methodist Church was very busy since it was held at Immanuel this year. Transforming our church into HERO CENTRAL was quite an undertaking. Pam Anthony (Lakewood's Education Director) and I could not have reached our goals without Rick and Jen Kuntz. Working in the humidity was a definite challenge. Even though Pam and I wore bright yellow capes every night, Rick and Jen are my true heroes and I thank them so very much. Thanks also to Anita Byrne who taught bible stories two nights and Debbie Madurski who helped me with registrations and taught science one night. Wonderful ladies, who we are blessed to have in our congregation. Thanks to Wally for cleaning up for us. Thank you to everyone who donated food items for our snacks each night.

As mission projects we asked our students to donate toilet paper/paper towels for the Lakewood mission, The Refuge (a homeless shelter that takes in whole families), and canned goods for our project, the Holy Trinity Pasta Kitchen. A large bag of paper products was packed up before I could count, but an impressive amount and we collected 68 cans of food for the pasta kitchen.

On the last night we have had an ice cream truck visit and students could buy anything for \$2.00. We found out late that the truck is for sale and not operating, SO we supplied ice cream and asked for \$2.00 to be donated to The Refuge and Pasta Kitchen. With only 29 students (5 from Immanuel) we were very pleased to have \$36.50 for each charity plus all the paper products and canned goods. What a wonderful ministry VBS is. Thankfully, Pam took pictures all week. When I can get some copies I will fill a bulletin board with VBS memories to share.

Summer is slipping by so quickly that I have been thinking about Rally Day already. Our new year will start on September 10th at our normal time of 9:30-10:30 am in Leubin-McCray Hall downstairs. Plans are still forming in my head, but I'm pretty sure we will have donuts and juice. Everyone is welcome, pre-school to adults.

Enjoy your remaining summer. Thanks for reading.

From The Immanuel Library **Book Worm**



Saving Alice – BY David LEWIS – 33L

Hmmm – think you've got it made??? Great job – money to burn – a special person to share with.....

The main character in this story seems to have his life all settled for smooth sailing. His new job as a financial investment's planner is what he wanted in a business career. He has a great apartment, a decent car and an engagement ring in his pocket! After work when he meets Alice in their usual place, he will ask her to marry him.

Later he left the restaurant in a daze?! **What** had just happened?

Reviewed by Jeanette Swanson



August 2017

Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
8/6/17		Stan Holsopple	Hannah Mays	Barb Coughlin
Late	V. Cowey	Anita Byrne	Char Feiler	Lorraine Hornaman
8/13/17		Ben Reitz	Stan Holsopple	Bob Dorler
Late	V. Cowey	Char Feiler	Cindy Geddes	Maria Siefert
8/20/17		Jen Kuntz	Rick Kuntz	Rick Kuntz
Late	V. Cowey	Bob Dorler	Char Feiler	Debbie Madurski
8/27/17		Debbie Redditt	Stan Holsopple	Bill Redditt
Late	V. Cowey	Bob Dorler	Anita Byrne	Lori Nemenz

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

Acolyte: n/a **Altar Guild:** D.Dorler/J.Stewart
Counters: Denise Arnold/Stan Holsopple or Cindy Geddes
Ushers: 8:15 Hannah & Dave Mays 10:00: T.Stewart/R.Hetrick
Soup Kitchen Items Needed: Canned Potatoes/Canned Sweet Potatoes
Soup Kitchen Delivery: Stan Holsopple

*****PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR COUNTING TEAMS *****

.....OR MAKE YOUR OWN TEAM – MORE COUNTERS ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE HAS A PARTNER. WE WILL TRY TO WORK WITH YOUR SCHEDULE - BUT IF YOU CAN'T COMMIT, POSSIBLY YOU ARE WILLING TO BE CALLED ON AS A "SUB" – LET CINDY GEDDES KNOW OR CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH YOUR WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND SERVE IN THIS NEW ROLE.

CAN YOU HELP OUT?



KEEP IN PRAYER: Lucie Arndt, Esther Bax, Betsy Case, Jeremy Cool, Pat Dehner, 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, Robin Steger, Sophie Rene, 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 Mailing List is available in the office.

Audree Adams, Esther Bax, Judi Casler, Patricia Dehner, Sally & "Shel" Fager, Mae Rapp, & Doris Roesch.

FAITH IN ACTION

MANY HANDS MAKE.....

Thank you to all the members who volunteered their time to weed, spread mulch and trim trees on the Property Committee's work night in June. Special thanks to Char Feiler, Tom & Judy Stewart, Penny & Joe Maloney, Rick Kuntz, Bob Dorler, Debbie Madurski, Dave Mays, Stan Holsopple, Debbie & Bill Redditt & Wally Coughlin.

Special thanks to Debbie & Bill Redditt for donating & delivering the mulch and to Stan Holsopple who on his own weeded and cleaned up the Prayer Garden area.

Your hard work was appreciated and thank you for making our grounds look nice!

The Property Committee

Collecting School Supplies 2017

Social Ministry will be collecting school supplies for Gail Klimow's classroom. Gail is Penny Maloney's sister and is an elementary special education teacher in the Erie School District. She has requested the following items:

Pocket folders, Notebook paper, Highlighters

Colored pencils, Crayons, Glue sticks

Flash cards (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and/or division), Flash cards (sight words)

Erasers, Pencils, Boxes of tissues, Hand sanitizer

Clorox wipes

Take advantage of any of the great back to school sales!

Donations can be put in the box at the side entrance until August 20th. Cash donations can be placed in collection and marked "Social Ministry School Supplies"

Thank you !
Social Ministry





COORDINATORS SIGN-UP:
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017
Between 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
707 SASSAFRAS ST, ERIE
(SOUTH ENTRANCE)
ENTER OFF OF SASSAFRAS STREET
Pick up your WALK PACKET.
Check out the EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES available.
Plus get information about
SOCIAL NETWORKING & ONLINE GIVING.
Enjoy refreshments as you talk with other WALKERS.

Join us for our **42nd year of Walking** to insure that we continue to grow in outreach and service to the hungry in our community and in the world. Last year we received \$60,000 in donations. 25% was given to 25 of Erie's local food programs.

For those who have never participated in this Walk and would like to join the more than 600 Walkers, check out our web site ***cropwalkerie.org*** or contact Sandee at Lamb of God Lutheran Church, 825-8830 M-W-9-12 with questions or email *lambofgod2@verizon.net*.

THE WALK IS:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th
2:00 - PRESQUE ISLE - BEACH ONE

AFTER AUGUST 10 THE CHURCHES BELOW WILL HAVE WALK PACKETS FOR PICK-UP.

(Call to check office hours)

Lamb of God Lutheran Church 606 E 38 Street, Erie 825-8830 M-W-F 9-12
Luther Memorial Church 225 West 10th Street, Erie 454-0106 M-F 8-4

www.cropwalkerie.org

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**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 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.

**Celebrations
of Life and
Love**

August Birthdays

August 4	Jennifer Kuntz
6	Kim Lee
11	Aydan Mays
16	Janice Kreger
19	Glenn McGranor
28	Bob Martin
30	Anita Byrne
31	Pearl Young

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

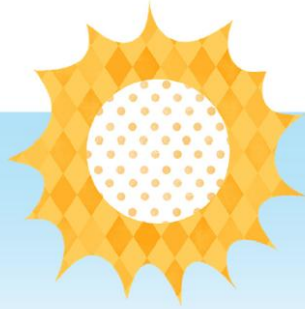
August Anniversaries

August 1	Donna & Bob Dorler
13	Maria & John Siefert
18	Hannah & David Mays

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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**Abiding Hope Lutheran Church &
How Sweet the Sound Event Series**
present the

Gem City Concert Band
Concert on the Lawn

Erie's own Gem City Concert Band will perform live at Abiding Hope Lutheran Church. This fifty member group is always entertaining and will perform a variety of music to please any number of musical tastes.

Where: Abiding Hope Lutheran Church

2402 W. Grandview Blvd.

Erie, PA

Time: 7:00 pm

Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017

Free & Open to the Public

Bring Lawn Chairs





All are Welcome

Immanuel Hours

Church Office – 833-4062

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

Staff

Vicar Cowey

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

Fin. Sec.: Cindy Geddes – 734-1286

Church Council Officers

Pres. David Mays – 838-3239

Vice Pres. – 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

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*

Christian Education

Council liaison: Ben Reitz

Sunday School Rally Day – Sept. 10th

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 **WEATHER IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD –** **AUGUST 2ND**

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 – no Summer meetings

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

School Supplies – see article in newsletter

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Kim Lee Committee Chair: vacant

****PRESQUE ISLE FLUTE CHOIR TO SHARE THEIR GIFTS WITH US AT THE LATE SERVICE ON AUG. 6TH!!**

Meeting 1st Sunday of every other month, even months -after late service – join us Aug. 6th!



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