

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH JUNE NEWSLETTER 2021

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Drive-In worship participants we are asking you to drive up to the door/overhang at the Education wing in the main (south) parking lot. The usher will hand out communion, bulletins and receive offerings. Using the overhang, the usher will be somewhat protected from the weather and will also not have to cross the street!



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Grace & Peace from the Pastor's Desk

“Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters.”

Colossians 3:23

I once chose the perfect Christmas gift for Aunt Erna and Uncle George. They were my grandmother’s brother and wife, and they lived upstairs at my grandmother’s house. Since I spent a lot of time at my grandma and grandpa’s house, I was really close to them. Aunt Erna introduced me to the library and gave me my love for reading. Every Friday she would walk to the bus stop and take the bus to the Erie Library. If I was lucky enough to be there that day I got to go with her.

It seemed as though every time I went upstairs to see them, they had a jigsaw puzzle out on a card table working on it. So, one Christmas as an adult, as I was searching for a gift to buy for them, I came across a unique jigsaw puzzle that was Americana in style. Some of the pieces were shaped like common items; one was an umbrella in the closed position, another was shaped like a duck. I thought, wow, this is perfect, they’ll enjoy spending time putting it together.

Years later, after they both passed away and the attic was being cleaned out, my cousin handed me the puzzle, box unopened, still wrapped in shrink wrap, looking just like new, and said, “I think you bought them this. Would you like it?” I accepted the gift, but I was so disappointed. I thought I was giving them something they would really enjoy, and they put it into the attic unopened.

God has given us gifts as well... perfect gifts that suit us better than any store-bought gift. Gifts to use to benefit others, gifts to use to enjoy life, gifts that we sometimes take for granted or simply ignore. Or we may use them, but not to glorify God. And there are those we use... I remember going on a mission trip to Joplin, Missouri to build a home for a young couple who lost theirs to the tornado. It was organized by a young man in the congregation who had carpentry skills, was looking for a way to use them, and found an opportunity through Samaritan’s Purse. Come to find out, a lot of the men in that church had carpentry skills and we were able to put together a team of four men and three women. The ladies and I learned how to use a miter saw to install trim around the floors and doors after we painted the woodwork and walls while the men laid flooring and installed cupboards, etc. Our team went into a shell of a house on Monday morning and with the help of a couple of guys from another work team, when we left Friday the house was completely finished. It was an amazing effort of people using God-given gifts to serve God and others.

I know there are a lot of you here at Immanuel who put your God given gifts to use serving, not only here at the church, but in the community as well. When we open those gifts and put them to use God is glorified, and we feel a sense of accomplishment. Keep up the Good Work!

As always, I’m here for you if you’d like to talk about anything. I’m in the office Tuesday and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 814-833-4062, or you’re welcome to call my cell phone anytime 724-557-2386 and leave a message. (I will be out of the office the week of June 21st.)

***Grace and Peace,
Pastor Karen***

Christian Education



~ *Sharing the Good News* ~

- **June 6** - Confirmation Class 10:30 a.m.
- **June 21** - 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School meeting at Lakewood UMC
- 2021 theme - **Knights of North Castle**



- **July 4** - NO Confirmation Class
- **July 11** - VBS decorating of the Lakewood UMC sanctuary as we begin VBS week.

PLEASE SAY SOME SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR MR. & MRS. BYRNE & PASTOR KOSTUR AS THEY ATTEND VIRTUALLY & REPRESENT IMMANUEL AT THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY JUNE 10-12·2021

CAMPERSHIP
SCHOLARSHIPS
ARE AVAILABLE



Registration for Summer Camp 2021 has begun. Please visit www.lutherlyn.com for dates, prices, details, and registration!

For additional information, please contact the camp office at 724-865-2161 or registrar@lutherlyn.com.

Camperships are available.

Immanuel
Summer
Picnic Planning...
Watch for details
in future
announcements.



Council President, Debbie Redditt has shared that the Council is talking about a 2021 Immanuel Summer Picnic...watch for more details to follow.

Prayer

&

Reflection

*Shared by Immanuel
member Jeanette
Swanson*

*The Lord is my creator;
my Counselor
and my Companion.*

*I need God's guidance and wisdom every day
of my life.*

*It amazes me that this Grace is mine without
my having to ask for it!*

*When I think of God's Creation,
I wonder how so many humans feel no
remorse in trashing what God made for the
benefit of all.*



Volunteers Welcome

Counters and Ushers needed
in 2021

We would welcome additional folks to join us in both of these church tasks. Please see the lists in this newsletter and reach out to Cindy Geddes for Counters and Bob Dorler for Ushers if you think you'd like to give this a try.

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lector
6/6/21 9:30 AM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Bob Dorler
6/13/21 9:30 AM	Kostur	Cindy Geddes	Claudia Skerlong
6/20/21 Father's Day 9:30 AM	Kostur	Stan Holsopple	Stan Holsopple
6/27/21 9:30 AM	Snider	<u>Asst.</u> Anita Byrne <u>Lay Dist.</u> Bob Dorler	Barb Coughlin

Altar Guild: P. Maloney/S.Pfeiffer/S. Leubin

Counters: C. Geddes/K.Lee/C.Feiler **Ushers:** Ushers as assigned by B. Dorler

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

Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for July
JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: JUNE 15TH

DID YOU KNOW?

Anita and Joe Byrne are active church members here at Immanuel and good-weather campers when they aren't here or working. Anita is from the Kane, PA area and Joe is from Penn Hills, near Pittsburgh. They have 3 children and a cat named Oscar. They are in the midst of planning a wedding celebration for their youngest son, Aaron, in the Fall of 2022. Joe sings in the choir, is a Cantor, an actor in church plays, a Lector, has an amazing bushy mustache & a booming voice and a heart as big as all outdoors. Joe is our West Erie Synod Cluster Coordinator. Joe is a Paramedic. He is a Community Paramedic with Allegheny Health Network. Anita shares her gifts here at Immanuel as a Lector and Assistant, as well as giving her loving, faith-based support in education in our Christian Education Dept. & with Janice Kreger and Rick & Jen Kuntz they offer Sunday School, K-Adult every Sunday morning at 10:30 during the school year. They are currently busy coordinating with Pastor Karen & Lakewood United Methodist Church as we look ahead to Vacation Bible School this Summer. They will be including faith education & fun for ages 3 thru 6 grade and adults. All high school members are encouraged to volunteer. Anita is an educator currently working with infants and toddlers. She is employed by Young Environment Learning Center on W26th St. When she is not working, she can be found doing some projects around their home, biking or spending time with the grand-puppies (Cyrus and Lettie) in Waterford.

**PROFESSIONAL
RESOURCES IN OUR FAITH
COMMUNITY**

*Would you like to be listed? Give me a call or drop me an email in the office.
814-833-4062 or
immluthch@verizon.net~Lori*



KEEP IN PRAYER: Denise Arnold's Mom - Lucie Arndt and sister, Lana as well as brother-in-law Pastor Huhn; John & Tim Botwright and Tim's wife Karen; the Feiler & Lee families; Ruth & Ken Foos – friends of Carol McCray; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Kyle Husted, Jim Kuntz, Nancy Leonard – Pastor Karen's friend; Patrick Lewis – family friend of S.Kocur; Bishop Michael Lozano, Diane McGranor, Phyllis Lindahl, Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, Jan Rowe – Pastor Karen's friend; Dr. Carl Seon; Pastor Roy Washill, and the Washill family as they work through next steps now that he is home from rehab; and all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, who are serving on the "front line" during the COVID-19 pandemic or who are 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).

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.

Many of the facilities are now allowing visitation – call ahead to schedule.



Manchester Commons Visitation Plan

March 24, 2021

General Guidance for Visitors to Follow at All Times

Core Principals of Infection Control

- A face mask covering both nose and mouth must be worn by visitors at all times; includes children over the age of 2.
- Wash or sanitize hands before and after visit.
- Maintain a social distance of six (6) feet between all visitors, team members and residents.
- All visitors must undergo screening at the entry upon arrival. Visitors must then go directly to resident room and not roam hallways. If assistance is required during visit please use call bell for assistance.
- Unfortunately, if necessary for health concerns visitation may need to be cancelled no/little notice.
- Visitors who do not meet screening requirements may be denied entry for resident safety.
- Visitors who do not follow the above Core Principles of Infection Control, may be asked to leave.
- According to the guidance, "outdoor visitation is preferred even when the resident and visitor are fully vaccinated against COVID-19."



Shut-In Ministry

No time in your busy life for much more?

How about just an occasional phone call or card?

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 Fager.

VISITATION

Visitation days and hours	Monday-Wednesday-Friday 10am -1pm Tuesday-Thursday 4pm-7pm Saturday-Sunday 12pm-4pm
Length of visit	There is no set duration-must be within the visitation hours
Number of visitors per resident	2 visitors may be in the community at one time. If allowed number of visitors are already on site you are invited to wait in your vehicle until permitted to enter. Please try to coordinate amongst your family ensure minimal wait time and smooth transitions.
Pets	Permitted for well-behaved pets with in conjunction with visit only if current vaccination record is provided

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please call 814-314-1615 with any questions.

- If fully vaccinated, the resident can choose to have close contact (including touch) with a visitor while wearing a well-fitting face mask and performing hand-hygiene before and after. Regardless, visitors should physically distance from other residents and staff in the facility.
- Rear entrance to community remains closed, entry is only permitted through main entrance.
- If visitation should change because of a COVID-positive resident or team member or county positivity rates, we will do our best to notify you prior to your visit.

FAITH

IN

ACTION

Thank you
for sharing
your
Time &
Talents

Inter-Church Ministries

Gift card appeal

Thanks to your response to our recent gift card appeal for Inter-Church Ministries we are playing a part in encouraging the homeless community to help with our efforts for “community immunity”. We were able to share 16 Country Fair gift cards - \$5 each – with Inter-church Ministries.

Thank you for sharing your gifts.

Encouraging Community Immunity



Sharing these W&M updates

Worship & Music in the News....

We will once again be using
"With One Voice"
this Summer starting in July.

We are also making plans to return the hymnals
to the pew racks as we take next steps with our
Covid protocol easing.

Check out the audio files of
our services at the link below:



Masks and distancing still in place and
encouraged for the safety of all.

For OneDrive login page,
click here:

[https://onedrive.live.com/
about/en-us/signin/](https://onedrive.live.com/about/en-us/signin/)

You can find Pastor Karen's
latest sermons in print on
our webpage here

[http://www.ilc-erie.org/worship-
.html](http://www.ilc-erie.org/worship-.html)



Please join us for worship each Sunday at 9:30
a.m. either indoors, or in our drive-in services.

Celebrations

of Life and

Love



June Birthdays

June	1	Sharon Roemer
	4	Carrie Penpek
	6	Cindy Geddes
	9	Christopher Hetrick
	10	Sandra Kocur, Tatum Yusz
	14	Karen Byrd, Dave Eckman
	16	William Redditt
	21	Dennis Coughlin
	22	Char Feiler
	23	Carson Redditt
	25	Alexandra Lee, Samantha Lee
	26	Bonnie Rispin
	29	Dennis Rohan
	30	Isabella Botwright

June Anniversaries

June	9	Carol & Gordon Ketchel
	23	Bill and Debbie Redditt
	27	Tom and Judy Stewart
	29	Ray and Mary Kreger

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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ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE SIGN-UP

WE ARE ONCE AGAIN POSTING OUR ALTAR FLOWER AND SANCTUARY CANDLE SIGN-UP SHEETS IF YOU WOULD CARE TO SPONSOR EITHER OR BOTH IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF SOMEONE -- IT WILL BE NOTED IN OUR WORSHIP BULLETIN.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CATHY'S FLOWER SHOPPE, WHO HAS BEEN PROVIDING THE FLOWERS FOR US FOR MANY YEARS HAS HAD TO INCREASE PRICES SO **FLOWERS WILL BE \$35/WK** – SANCTUARY CANDLE REMAINS AT \$5/WK - SO WHEN PAYMENT IS MADE, PLEASE INCLUDE THIS NEW AMOUNT IN YOUR PAYMENT STARTING IN JUNE.

YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO BRING IN YOUR OWN PLANTS/FLOWERS FROM YOUR GARDEN, ETC.



For many couples the Coronavirus has put a great deal of stress on their marriage, so now is the perfect time for them to sign up for a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend designed to strengthen and enrich their marriage. Please give married husbands and wives in your congregation the opportunity to celebrate their special relationship while learning unique insights and tools to improve their couple communication.

Please copy and drop the following announcement in upcoming bulletins or newsletters. Scholarship funds are available for those in need. Please encourage couples to go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org ASAP and sign up.

Thank you so much for helping us to protect and enhance marriages within your community.

In His service,
Fred & Julie Schamber
Northeast US Area Directors
Lutheran Marriage Encounter
Phone 724-325-3166
Email: fjschamber@comcast.net



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS SCHEDULED FOR FALL

If your marriage has had some struggles during the Coronavirus, you are not alone! The virus has put a great deal of stress on a lot of marriages, and others just need some time away to just be a couple; so now is the perfect time to sign up to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend designed to renew and revitalize your marital relationship no matter whether you have been married a year or 60+ years.

The registration fee has been waived for this year, so you pay only the amount specified on the website for 2 nights in your group-rate hotel room and 5 meals for each of you. Also, scholarship funds are available for anyone in need. Simply e-mail or call us at the information below before you register.

Which Weekend will work for you:

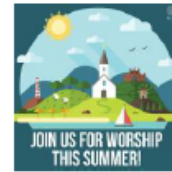
October 1-3, 2021 -- Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA--Famous for its Robin Hood-inspired restaurant, Loxleys


October 15-17, 2021 -- Hyatt Place, Pittsburgh/Cranberry--spacious modern decor guestrooms with couches--an hour north of Pittsburgh

Should complications arise, your payment is refundable up to a month before the Weekend. Weekends begin at 8 PM on Friday night and end at approximately 3 PM on Sunday. REGISTRATIONS WILL BE LIMITED, so sign up NOW while there are still openings. Simply go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, find your chosen Weekend, fill out the form, and pay the amount specified with a credit card, or print the form and mail with a check. Don't miss this opportunity to create a more intimate and joyful marital relationship! For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, fjschamber@comcast.net or call: 724-325-3166.

June 2021

Greetings of Peace



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 TOPS 9:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	3	4 AA MTG.	5
6 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class: 10:30 a.m.	7 QUILTERS 9:30 AM FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM	8	9 TOPS 9:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	10 SYNOD ASSEMBLY **Prayers for Anita & Joe Byrne as our delegates to Synod***	SYNOD ASSEMBLY AA MTG.	12 SYNOD ASSEMBLY Parking lot use for wedding parking
13 Worship: 9:30 a.m. COUNCIL MTG. after service Confircamp at Lutherlyn	14 QUILTERS 9:30 AM FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM	15 JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 TOPS 9:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	17	18 AA MTG.	19
20 Worship: 9:30 a.m. FATHER'S DAY  1 st DAY OF SUMMER	21 QUILTERS 9:30 AM VBS mtg. 6:30 at Lakewood FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM Pastor Karen on vacation this week.	22	23 TOPS 9:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	24	25 AA MTG.	26
27 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Michael Snider, Guest Lay Worship Leader	28 QUILTERS 9:30 AM FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM	29 Pastor back in office.	30 TOPS 9:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM			



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WHAT IS GOD ASKING
OF YOU TODAY?



**All are
Welcome**

Immanuel Hours

Church Office – 833-4062
Hours - Mon-Thurs. 8:30am-12:30pm
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Staff

Pastor Karen Kostur – 833-4062
or Emergency #: 724-557-2386
Pastor's Office Hours – Tues &
Thurs.9:30am-2:00pm
Church Caretaker: Wally Coughlin
Organist/Music Director: Bryan Timm
Admin. Ofc.: Lori Swanson Nemenz

Sunday School

Coord: Anita Byrne & Janice Kreger
Teachers: Rick Kuntz & Jen Kuntz,
Pastor Kostur

Congregation & Church Council Officers

Pres. – Debbie Redditt – 449-1855
Vice Pres. – Bob Dorler – 833-2719
Sec. – Debbie Madurski – 774-3590
Fin. Sec.: Cindy Geddes – 734-1286
Treasurer: Bill Redditt

Additional Council Members

Cindy Eckman, Char Feiler, George
Pfeiffer, Sally Leubin, Bob Dorler,
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*

Christian Education

Council liaison: Cindy Eckman
CONFIRMATION CLASS 10:30 A.M. – 6/6/21
VBS MTG AT LAKEWOOD – 6/21/21

Communications

Council liaison: D.Redditt Committee Chair: vacant

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the church calendar, newsletter or annual report?

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NOW AND IN PRINT IN THE ERIE TIMES NEWS
RECYCLING OUTDATED EQUIPMENT**

Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin & Char Feiler
IMMANUEL SUMMER PICNIC - TBD

Finance

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer
2020 AUDIT

Property

Council liaison: Bob Dorler Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple
**FACILITY MAINTENANCE, RENTAL PROPERTY OVERSIGHT
BOILER REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE/RESEARCH**

Stewardship

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes
MEMBERSHIP RECORD UPDATE

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair: Debbie Madurski

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant
****Looking For New Committee Co-Chairs****
DRIVE-IN AND INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES
OneDrive audio files of recorded services
<https://onedrive.live.com/about/en-us/signin/>
PASTOR KOSTUR'S SERMONS ON OUR WEBPAGE