IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2022

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Celebrations of Life & Love

Church Council & Staff

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

Three Bible verses have been significant to me during my lifetime: Jeremiah 29:11, Philippians 4:13, and Colossians 3:17. I've leaned on these verses during difficult times in my life and through the working of the Holy Spirit, they have given me strength, renewed my faith, and kept me moving forward. I am still amazed that God gives me words to live by before the need to put them to use.

There was a point in time when I was discerning if I should continue on my path in seminary. I was reading the book of Jeremiah when I came across the verse "For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to give you hope and a future." I latched onto that verse with a hope in a future of serving God. I saw the same verse in a frame at my seminary friend's home when I was dog sitting. It seems a lot of seminary students use that verse for strength and discernment.

In my first pastorate I led Vacation Bible School studies and was introduced to the verse, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." I definitely get my strength from Christ, and in the most trying of times this passage got me through. And, again, it is a very popular Bible verse to those who trust in God to get them through.

Surprisingly the verse that kept me moving forward in one of the churches I was serving also came from VBS; this time I was leading the music portion of the week and the catchiest song was a variation of the verse "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." I hope the kids remember the message of this song and put it to use in their lives.

And a verse that has also been important is Hebrews 10:23 "Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful." It reminds me that Jesus lived and died for each of us and we can believe God's promises because God is faithful. God has certainly given me Words to live by, I'd be interested in hearing your favorite Bible verses and how they have enriched your life. Take a moment and send me an email: pastorkaren.immanuel@gmail.com.

I'm available to talk any time you'd like. I'm in the office most Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. You can just drop in or call 814-833-4062. And you can call my cell phone any time 724-557-2386. Please leave me a message if I don't answer.

Grace and Peace,

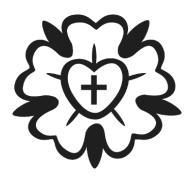
Pastor Karen

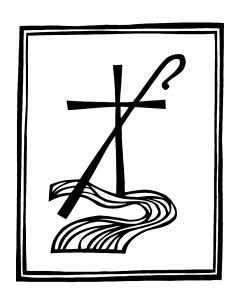
Also, I will be traveling to Phoenix, AZ from October 12 – 14 to attend graduation ceremonies at Grand Canyon University. Bill and I humbly ask for your prayers for a safe (and healthy) journey.

Christian Education



~ Sharing the Good News ~





We are ready, willing, and able to lead your young children into the life of blessings & hope shared in Sunday School. We feel this provides a firm foundation for the years ahead, both smooth-sailing & those that are challenging. Our small classes are ideal for sharing, caring, and formative discussion. Sunday school for K-Adult starts after our 9:30 worship - approx.10:30 am.

Contact the church office for more information.

P: 814-833-4062

Pastor Karen or an alternate will once again be offering Adult Sunday School at 10:30 in the lounge to discuss the Lessons & Gospel readings from service

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Join us for a lively discussion.

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION ON PALM SUNDAY 2023:

Attend class the 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Sundays of the month from 10:30-11:30 for ages 13 or older and one Sunday a month, minimum, church worship attendance at 9:30 with a bulletin signed by Pastor Karen.

A new resource called "Living in the Kingdom: Reflection on Luther's Catechism" has been purchased. Mrs. Byrne will lead class on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month and Pastor Karen & Mrs. Byrne on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

\*\*\*LOOKING AHEAD\*\*\*

OUR MITTEN TREES WILL BE GOING UP ONCE AGAIN
THIS YEAR AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS TIME TO GET THOSE CRAFTY HANDS BUSY OR KEEP
YOUR EYES OPEN FOR GOOD SALES ON HATS AND
MITTENS!



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 |      |
|               |      |
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(Cut here, put in sealed envelope marked: "Attn: Stewardship" and place in the offering plate or give to the Church Office)



Pledge Commitment for 2023 to Immanuel Lutheran Church

For my records, my commitment is:

\$\_\_\_\_\_

per \_\_\_\_\_

(keep this portion for your records)

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT

Please consider expanding your involvement in the life and ministry of our congregation in the coming year. If you have more than one family member, please initial the activity in which each member would like to be involved.

| Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                               | Phone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Text?                            |
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| Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                               | Email                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                  |
| In recognition of God's love and                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | gifts, I would like to share my                                                                                               | time and talents in the follow                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | ving ways:                       |
| Worship/Music Committee Member Sing in Choir Play Piano Other musical instruments Acolyte Altar Guild Usher Worship Assistant Lector                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                               | Help in Kitchen Bake Sale (sitting at table during Visit Hospitals, Shut-in Deliver Flowers Dinners Furnish Dishes Serve/Clean Up Habitat for Humanity CROP Walk                                                                                                                                                                               |                                  |
| Write prayers Christian Education                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | _                                                                                                                             | Sewing/Quilting Group                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | _                                |
| Christian Education Committee Member Sunday School Teacher Sunday School Helper Sunday School Substitute Work with Teens Work with Youth Group Bible Study Group Vacation Bible School Volunteer in Nursery  Outreach & Growth Committee Member Visitor to Homes Greeter at Services Telephone Caller Fill in for Coffee Hour | (Clearance req'd) | Property Weeding/Trimming Gro Committee Member Repairs on Church Prop Specify Other  Willing to be called to be around the church I am interested in: Women of ELCA Lutherlyn Adult Fellowship Group Lutheran Men in Missic Over 40 Luncheon New Member Sponsor Immanuel Players (Play NWPA Synod Green Telloresurer If there are other ways y | perty                            |
| Support Stewardship Committee Member Finance Committee Member Counting Team Member Help in Church Office Write Articles for Newsletter Grant Writing Thrivent Member/Grants                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                               | Congregation Council N Social Ministry Commi Help with Holy Trinity (last Thursday in O                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Member ttee Member Pasta Kitchen |

# Worship & Music in the News....



Choir practice
@ 7:15 pm
All are welcome

You can find Pastor Karen's
latest sermons in print on
our webpage here
<a href="http://www.ilc-erie.org/worship-.html">http://www.ilc-erie.org/worship-.html</a>
and the video is posted to our
Facebook page

# COFFEE HOUR 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

It will be in the lounge after church service. The Eckmans will be hosting.



Please join us for worship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. either indoors, or in our drive-in services. Sunday School K-Adult at 10:30 a.m. The Worship & Music committee has been meeting regularly and will next meet on Nov. 2nd at 6:30 p.m. The 1:00 p.m. timeframe didn't work for some, so here is an opportunity for an evening meeting.

All are welcome to join this committee.



"Called to the Business of His Kingdom"

Save the Date for the ECBLA Annual Prayer Breakfast! October 7, 2022

Ambassador Banquet & Conference, Doors open at 7:00 am
Breakfast 7:30 to 8:30 am
Guest Speakers:

Mayor Joseph V. Schember and John Persinger, Chief Executive Officer of EDDC

Topic "How community can work together despite our difference."

\$350 per Table of 10 or \$35 per person
To register for a table, please contact Crystal Waite
at <a href="mailto:cwaite@bonnellscollision.com">cwaite@bonnellscollision.com</a>
Isaiah 32:18 TPT

"My people will live free from worry in secure, quiet homes of peace.

TAKE A MINUTE AND TALK WITH OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR, BRYAN TIMM,

ABOUT THE **UPCOMING BEER & HYMNS EVENT** AS WE

WELCOME CLERGY FROM OUR NWPA SYNOD TO ERIE FOR THEIR

ANNUAL CONVOCATION MEETING OCT. 23-26<sup>TH</sup>!!

HALLOWEEN MILLCREEK TRICK OR TREATING
Monday, October 31st 6:00 -8:00 p.m.



Did someone say Trail of Treats???

Check out some of the cute pictures from prior years on the next page...









# We're <u>NOT</u> going to have a party in the park <u>YET!</u>

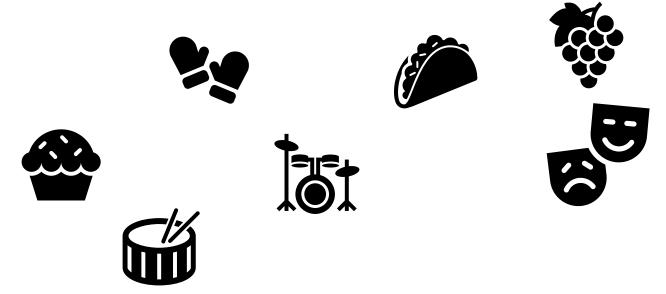
#### We held our 1st planning meeting for this

#### **PARTY IN THE PARK**

event and after further discussion, feel called to step back from our Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> date. We are going to do some further discernment and we'll get back with you.

We still love the idea and hope you do too.

The way we're hoping to do this is to have tables where the churches have information available, hand out goodies, and just be friendly. The area non-profit organizations will be invited to have a table to do the same thing. We'll have music provided by the churches' musicians, choir, praise bands. There will be areas to highlight any ministries done by the churches. There will be food trucks, and maybe even a fire truck.









The "wholey" quilt





## FAITH IN ACTION Over 100 made this year!



The quilters meet each Monday morning at the church at 9:30 a.m. and all are welcome to participate.

When cleaning out your closets – keep this ministry in mind. **Please donate used sheets** – not torn significantly – we cut into squares so a few imperfections are fine; flat sheets are best for backings. We can also use twin, full, queen, king and fitted and of course unused & unwanted sewing material – no silk, satin or jersey knit – we prefer cotton/cotton blend.



# \*Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for NOVEMBER\*



#### Immanuel Worship Calendar

#### OCTOBER 2022 Worship Calendar

OCTOBER 2022 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

| D. D. L.            |          |                |               |  |
|---------------------|----------|----------------|---------------|--|
| Date                | Presider | Assistant      | Lector        |  |
| 9:30 AM             | Kostur   | Anita Byrne    |               |  |
| 10/9/22<br>9:30 AM  | Kostur   | Bob Dorler     | Bob Dorler    |  |
| 10/16/22<br>9:30 AM | Kostur   | Debbie Redditt | Bill Redditt  |  |
| 10/23/22<br>9:30 AM | Kostur   | Cindy Geddes   | Cindy Geddes  |  |
| 10/30/22<br>9:30 AM | Kostur   | Stan Holsopple | Barb Coughlin |  |

Altar Guild: J. Stewart/D. Dorler Counters: S. Holsopple/D. Arnold Ushers: Ushers as assigned by B. Dorler

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



OF

# CREATION



Each year from September 1
to October 4, the Christian
family unites for this
worldwide celebration of
prayer and action to protect
our common home...
Lutheran World Federation

#### **SEASON OF CREATION**

As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for creation. We are co-creatures, and part of all that God has made. Our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. This year, the theme for the season is **Listen to the Voice of Creation**. The Season "Celebration" begins on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. This year we will unite around the theme, "Listen to the Voice of Creation." The Psalmist declares, "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge... their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the Earth, and their words to the end of the world." (19: 1-4) During the Season of Creation, our common prayer and action can help us listen for the voices of those who are silenced. In prayer we lament the individuals, communities, species, and ecosystems who are lost, and those whose livelihoods are threatened by habitat loss and climate change. In prayer we center the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. May this 2022 Season of Creation renew our ecumenical unity, renewing and uniting us by our bond of Peace in one Spirit, in our call to care for our common home. And may this season of prayer and action be a time to Listen to the Voice of Creation, so that our lives in words and deeds proclaim good news for all the Earth.

Plastic is difficult to avoid, but as long as consumers keep purchasing it, sellers will continue to use it. Here are a couple of ideas that can help limit plastic in your daily routines.

#### Limit plastic packaging

The best way to deal with plastic packaging waste is to avoid it. Consider not only dollar savings but also **look for savings that helps the earth.** 

- Use tap or filtered water and dispense into a reusable bottle rather than buying water in single-use plastic bottles.
- Purchase produce that isn't wrapped in plastic, e.g. bulk mushrooms, loose fruits and vegetables, etc. Bring your own reusable bags to place items in. There are lots of options available. Search "reusable produce bags" to find ones you like.
- Rather than buying individual servings of yogurt for lunches, purchase the largest size you can then parcel out portions at home into reusable containers.

#### Make your toothbrush kinder to the environment.

Choose a bamboo toothbrush to avoid adding to the landfill plastic. Or support a business that creates new toothbrushes (and razors) from plastic collected from coastlines and waterways to keep it from polluting the ocean. One such business is Preserve Ocean Plastic Initiative. Info about it is available at https://www.preserve.eco/collections/popi



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.



Please remember the members of Immanuel who are "shut in," or having some health challenges 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.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Denise Arnold's Mom Lucie Arndt as well as brother-in-law Pastor Huhn & his wife Lana; Pam Anthony Lakewood VBS Coord.; John & Tim Botwright & their families; the Feiler & Lee families; Cindy Geddes' family friend Deedee; Christin; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman; Kyle Husted; Carol & Gordon Ketchel & son, Kyle; Pastor Karen's cousin, Marilyn and Pastor's friend Pat; Jim Kuntz; Leslie; Patrick Lewis–friend of S. Kocur; Bishop Michael Lozano; Friend of Debbie Redditt – Nathan in remission; Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, who are serving on the "front line" during the COVID 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).

#### **COMMUNITY MEMBER UPDATES:**

Kyle Husted and family (shared by Penny Maloney– Kyle & Kylie's Aunt)

**Kyle**, who has been on our prayer list, is doing much the same, with no extra health issues this Summer. He has taken on a home project this Summer, killing the front yard grass, and leveling out the dirt, planting a new tree and this Fall, planting new grass. Anyone who knows Kyle, knows it has to be perfect(!) so it has been a labor of love. He loves being outside and it has given him a project that he has enjoyed, with hopefully a beautiful green lawn as a result!

**Kylie**, Kyle's sister, graduated from Temple University in 2021 and has worked as a library clerk for a local law firm and is now a Paralegal. She plans on moving to Pittsburg this Fall and obtain her Master's degree in Library Science.

**Annie**, Kyle & Kylie's Mom, turned 70 on Saturday, August 27th, and was honored at a surprise party planned by her daughters, Kyle, and grands. If you ride by her house on Beaumont around Christmas you will see the large red Christmas sleigh that was her gift!!

# Celebrations of Life and Love

### 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 \$36/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.

#### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

| October | 8 | Kenneth Kreger |
|---------|---|----------------|
|---------|---|----------------|

- 11 Penny Maloney/Betsy Harmle
- 21 Bill Kostur/Mitch Molnar
- 22 Brody Bonsell
- 23 Ron Madurski/Pastor Karen Kostur

& Sandy Moore

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

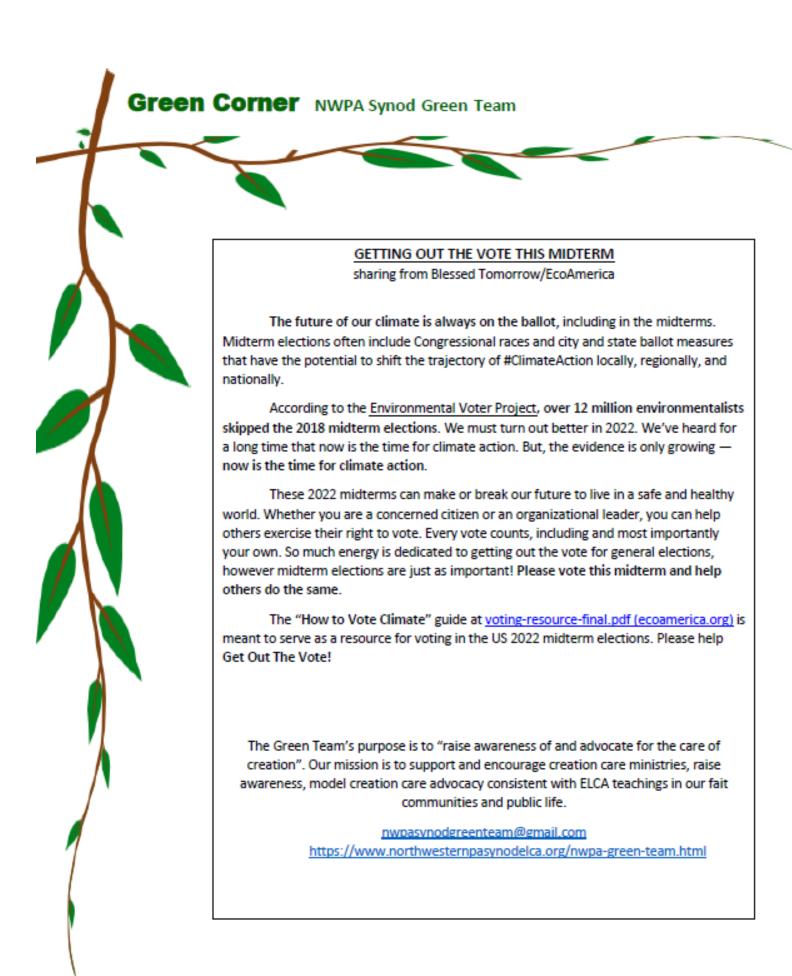
#### **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

| October 2 | Kim & Vic Paternosh   |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| 11        | Kelly & Jason Hunter  |
| 17        | Lori & Larry Nemenz   |
| 22        | Bill and Karen Kostur |
| 27        | Sandy & William Moore |

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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# 2022 Season of Creation Prayer SEASON OF CREATION Sept 1 – Oct. 4th

From Lutheran World Federation

#### Creator of All...

From your communion of love your Word went forth to create a symphony of life that sings your praise.

By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of creatures who praise you in their being. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationships with each creature so that we could listen to their voices, and learn how to safeguard the conditions for life. But we turn in on ourselves and away from our co-creatures.

We close our ears to the counsel of our fellow creatures. We fail to listen to the cries of the poor and the needs of the most vulnerable. We silence the voices of those who hold the traditions that teach us to care for the Earth. We close our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the Scriptures.

We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats that will never speak again. We grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished.

Creation cries out as forests crackle, and animals alike flee the fires of injustice that we have lit by our unwillingness to listen.

In this Season of Creation, we pray that you would call to us, as from the burning bush, with the sustaining fire of your Spirit. Breathe upon us. Open our ears and move our hearts. Turn us from our inward gaze. Teach us to contemplate your creation, and listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory. For "faith comes from hearing."

Give us hearts to listen for the good news of your promise to renew the face of the Earth. Enlighten us with the grace to follow the Way of Christ as we learn to walk lightly upon this holy ground. Fill us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ.

### OCTOBER







### 2022

| Sunday                                                                            | Monday                                                             | Tuesday                           | Wednesday                                                                | Thursday                                                                   | Friday                                               | Saturday                                               |
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| 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School & Confirmation class QUARTER SUNDAY  COFFEE HOUR | QUILTERS 9:30 A.M. FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM QUILT COLLECTION 9-12 | AA 7:30 PM  QUILT COLLECTION 9:12 | 5 TOPS 9:00 A.M. AA MTG 7:30 P.M.  QUILT COLLECTION 9-12                 | 6<br>CHOIR<br>7:15 PM                                                      | 7<br>AA 7:30 PM                                      | 8                                                      |
| 9<br>9:30 Worship<br>10:30 Sunday School                                          | 10<br>QUILTERS 9:30<br>A.M<br>FLAGSHIP<br>CITY CHORUS<br>7 PM      | 11<br>AA 7:30 PM                  | 12 TOPS 9:00 A.M. AA MTG 7:30 P.M. Pastor out of the office - GRADUATION | 13 CHOIR 7:15 PM Pastor out of the office - GRADUATION                     | 14 AA 7:30 PM  Pastor out of the office - GRADUATION | November<br>Newsletter<br>Deadline<br>Synod<br>Council |
| 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School & Confirmation class COUNCIL MEETING             | 17 QUILTERS 9:30 A.M FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM                     | 18<br>AA 7:30 PM                  | 19<br>TOPS 9:00 A.M.<br>AA MTG 7:30 P.M.                                 | 20<br>CHOIR<br>7:15 PM                                                     | 21<br>AA 7:30 PM                                     | 22                                                     |
| 9:30 Worship<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Synod Convocation<br>in Erie 10/23-26      | 24 QUILTERS 9:30 A.M FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM BEER & HYMNS @      | 25<br>AA 7:30 PM                  | 26<br>TOPS 9:00 A.M.<br>AA MTG 7:30 P.M.                                 | 27 CHOIR 7:15 PM Holy Trinity Sloppy Jo dinner 4pm Erie Conf. Zoom mtg 7pm | 28<br>OLMSTED<br>MANOR<br>RETREAT                    | 29<br>OLMSTED<br>MANOR<br>RETREAT                      |
| 30<br>9:30 Worship<br>10:30 Sunday School                                         | 9:30 A.M FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM Halloween                       |                                   |                                                                          |                                                                            |                                                      |                                                        |