

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH MARCH NEWSLETTER 2020



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WORSHIP HOURS: SUNDAYS 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. – SUNDAY SCHOOL K-ADULT 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT: 6:00p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. service followed by fellowship & refreshments

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Christian Education



Free Sunday
School Lessons



Sunday School Newsletter – March 2020

Thank you to all involved in the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and new this year, the addition of the Hymn Sing. A good time was had by all.



Lenten Study and Worship
Wednesday evenings starting 3/4
*Bible Study: 6 pm *Holden Evening
Prayer: 7 pm - **The Sermon on the Mount**
series - *Fellowship afterwards

We invite you to bring a friend & participate this year in a special **Bible Study at 6 pm in the Kindergarden room lead by Pastor Andrew Edwards.**

Feel free to bring a brown bag supper and your Bible.

HOME COMMUNION/EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Could this be something you are called to here at Immanuel?

Do you want to spend more time with some of our shut-in members? Do you enjoy visiting and bringing folks a little joy in their day? We will be offering a new training session for Home Communion Ministers. This is a one-time, 90-min. training so that you will feel comfortable with this ministry role and also have time to ask questions and learn more about this important discipleship. The Synod is encouraging us to form ministry teams of two for visits.

Please share your with the church office or by signing up on your Time and Talent Sheet.

LENTEN FELLOWSHIP SPONSOR SCHEDULE

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE LOUNGE AFTER THE WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES TO JOIN IN FELLOWSHIP AND SHARE REFRESHMENTS SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING MINISTRY COMMITTEES:

- 3/4 SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 3/11 SOCIAL MIN.
- 3/18 COUNCIL
- 3/25 FOG
- 4/1 CHOIR
- 4/8 NO REFRESHMENTS

SCHEDULE PROVIDED BY COUNCIL JAN. 2020



The Easter Eve Cantata Returns

We are resurrecting the Easter Eve Cantata. Andrew Rainbow and St. Paul's Lutheran Church would like to invite members of your congregation, choir and instrumentalists of all ages to come together as one, large, ecumenical musical ensemble. We will be performing "Come to the Cross and Remember" by Pepper Choplin. **The Easter Eve Cantata will be Saturday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.** We will rehearse Monday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning February 24. People do not have to come to every rehearsal to join us Feb. 24. CDs are available to help learn the music. We will have music available and are asking everyone to help defer the cost by buying their music. All proceeds collected the night of the cantata will go towards the 2021 Easter Eve Cantata.

Please contact Andrew Rainbow or Pastor Sami with any questions; musicdirector@stpaulserie.org, pastor@stpaulserie.org or 814-833-1761.



DID YOU KNOW...

The liturgical color during Lent is ~purple~ for REPENTANCE AND SOLEMNITY

We are now in Lectionary Year A (there are A, B, & C) Year A focuses on the Gospel of Matthew

Worship participants please note:

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

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: March 15

MARCH 2020 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
3/1/20 1 st Sunday in Lent 8:15 10:45	Holmberg	D. Redditt	Hannah Mays	Cindy Eckman
		C. Feiler	D. Redditt	Claudia Skerlong
3/8/20 2 nd Sunday in Lent 8:15 10:45	Edwards	Jen Kuntz Bob Dorler		Rick Kuntz Debbie Madurski
3/15/20 3 rd Sunday in Lent 8:15 10:45	Whitbred	Bob Dorler Stan Holsopple	Rick Kuntz _____	Bob Dorler Stan Holsopple
3/22/20 4 th Sunday in Lent 8:15 10:45	Zimmerman	_____ Bob Dorler	Hannah Mays S. Holsopple	Barb Coughlin Bob Dorler
3/29/20 5 th Sunday in Lent 8:15 10:45	Moran	_____ Bob Dorler		_____ Janel Bonsell

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

Counters: S.Holsopple/D.Arnold

Ushers: Early: Rick Kuntz/Bill Redditt

Late: Kim & Mike Lee

Soup Kitchen Items Needed: Canned Vegetables

Soup Kitchen Delivery: Stan Holsopple

Counters and Ushers needed in 2020 – 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.

As some of you may have noticed, we recently replaced the **metal folding chairs** in Leubin-McCray Hall. At this time the Property Committee has asked me to share that we are going to begin to recycle/repurpose/remove some of the old chairs and would like to offer them to the congregation first for a donation of **\$5 a piece, as is**. We have approx. 45 chairs. They may come in handy for your Summer picnics or holiday events.



Please feel free to contact the office if you are interested and we will connect you with a Property Committee member.



KEEP IN PRAYER: Jane Andrews – Bill Redditt’s Mom; Lucie Arndt, Tim Botwright, Wally Coughlin’s sister; Mrs. Ellison – Anita Byrne’s Mom; Jackie, Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Pastor Huhn, Kyle Husted, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Michael; Sharon Roemer, and all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, or ill at home. We also pray for our Immanuel Council and Call Committee as we continue the search for a new ministry option.

Shut-In Ministry

Current Shut-in list: Audree Adams, Judi Casler, Sally Fager & Pearl Young.

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

UPDATE: Judi Casler is now a resident of Manchester Commons in the Eagle Ridge wing, room #16. Her new address is Manchester Commons, 6351 W. Lake Rd., Eagle Ridge #16, Erie, PA 16505. Phone: 314-1816.

UPDATE: Pearl Young current address is St. Mary’s West, 4855 W. Ridge Rd. #C1133, Erie, PA 16505. Pearl welcomes your cards anytime.

UPDATE: Sally Fager has been receiving pastoral visits and communion through a visiting pastor to Westlake Woods. Sally welcomes your visits, calls and cards.



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.

FAITH

IN

ACTION

Thank you for
sharing your
Time &



Talents

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

PLEASE JOIN US

SATURDAY MARCH 14 AT 9:30 AM

ALL SEW SATURDAY



Need sewers to make fleece hats. The hats will be included in the gift bags given to Community Shelter Services.

Experienced sewers needed!!

Please bring your sewing machine and a sandwich.

Drinks and sides will be provided.



Talk to Debbie Madurski for details.

EASTER APPEAL

Sanctuary Candle & Altar Flowers

Sponsors needed

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.

Sign up in the Narthex or by calling the church office to sponsor a day, a week a month or more....

\$30/wk for 2 vases of flowers and \$5/wk to sponsor the eternity candle.



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 deliver to shut in or local charity

_____ I will deliver to shut in or local charity

_____ 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 MARCH 29, 2020.



March Birthdays

- March 4 Julie Sierota
- 7 R. Cooper/J. Byrne
- 8 Stephanie Wood
- 11 Ava Fetcko
- 12 Carolyn Kuntz
- 25 L. Nemenz, I. Guthrie
- 27 J. Swanson/S. Fager/M. Moore
- 31 Mary Hauser

Everyone enjoys receiving a card!

Celebrations

of

Life

and

Love

March Anniversaries

Congratulations! to those celebrating their anniversary on:

March 4 Michael and Jodie Feiler

Did I forget you? Please e-mail me or call me with your birthday or anniversary.

*As we look ahead to Spring I am reminded that this year will be the
50th Anniversary of Earth Day – April 22, 2020.*

For many of you this may not be significant but when you think of what God's world would be like without the beauty and wonder of all of creation I know it means a lot to me that some folks care enough to try to preserve and protect what God intended for all.

The ELCA issued a social statement in 1997 – 27 yrs ago called

Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice.

This social statement explains the ELCA's teachings on ecology and the environment, grounded in a biblical vision of God's intention for the healing and wholeness of creation. This statement provides a Christian understanding of the human role to serve in creation, and a hope rooted in God's faithfulness to the creation from which humans emerge and depend upon for sustaining life. It provides a framework for understanding the human role in creation, the problem of sin and the current environmental crisis.

NWPA SYNOD GREEN TEAM

<http://nwpaelca.org/nwpa-synod-green-team.html>



I am a member of the NWPA Synod Green Team and as part of that team we try to foster an understanding of our role as stewards of God's creation. This year the Green Team is concentrating on sharing resources with you as we encourage you to recognize that one person can make a difference. We are asking that all of our Synod congregations try to embrace this stewardship role entrusted to us as you make decisions for events and the use of resources. ~ Lori Nemenz

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

<https://www.elca.org/Environment>



"Caring for God's creation is an ever-evolving topic in this world, especially with each new natural or human made disaster. As stewards of this world, we are called to care for the earth and examine our behaviors toward creation. While we need to take from the land for food and sustainability, we also need to be careful that we maintain good stewardship and do not exploit the wonderful things the earth provides.

We are proud to share a pastoral statement on creation care and climate solutions to ensure a viable, livable world from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton. ***'The present moment is a critical and urgent one, filled with both challenge and opportunity to act as individuals, citizens, leaders and communities of faith in solidarity with God's good creation and in hope for our shared future.'*** 2018 Earth Day statement" from ELCA.org

LUTHERANS RESTORING CREATION

Cultivation Hope & Healing for All

<https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/>



"Lutherans Restoring Creation is a grassroots movement promoting care for creation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This is accomplished by cultivating a community of dedicated stewards of earth and neighbor who proclaim God's promise of hope and healing for all. Lutherans Restoring Creation has arisen out of a long Lutheran tradition of reflection and action on addressing environmental concerns from the perspective of our faith and theology.

On this website you will find tabs to explore: Events, Advocacy, Buildings/Grounds, Education, Personal Discipleship and Worship. This is an invaluable resource for planning and moving congregations Care for Creation ministry forward in many ways. You will find ways to live your commitment to Caring for Creation forward in how your buildings and grounds can be made more energy efficient. You will find worship and preaching resources.

Martin Luther, "God is wholly present in all creation, in every corner, behind you and before you." (LW 51:43)

Sharing a memory....a blast from the past

Immanuel will be 80 yrs old this year and with that in mind, I thought it might be fun to share a blast from the past from a few of our members. Not just memories of Immanuel but of what may be of interest or enlightenment or surprise or even give a chuckle....do you have something to share??

...from Jeanette Swanson who will be 96 yrs young this month and has been a member here for 33 yrs. While sorting "old" papers recently, I found this poem I had written about the job of a Pharmacist at Rea & Derick Drugstore – formerly Brown & Jones in the West Erie Plaza. I worked the 3-10 p.m. shift at the Cosmetics counter after years of managing the greeting card dept. I wrote the poem in March of 1973 – yep 47 yrs ago!!! Maybe you will find some of it to be amusing?!

A Pharmacists Day

Life is full of pleasures and sorrows.
We live today, look for better tomorrows.
We amble through our daily paces,
Constantly confronted with brand new faces.
Some faces bring pleasure, just for being
The kind the observers' made happier for seeing!
Some show distrust and look ready for battle,
And others bombard you with incessant prattle!
The shy, timid girl has a question to ask—
She mumbles and make it a difficult task.
The loud-mouthed Mother freely asks your advice.
You give it quite simply then repeat it twice!
She quickly informs you what her friend had done
To remedy the same thing that happened to her son.
You listen....you wonder.... you nod and you look!
"My goodness, when's the last time she opened a book?!"

And now here comes Grandpa with hands cracked and peeling,
He'll ask your advice and stare up at the ceiling.
He's getting all primed to tell you the cure
That his granddad (a woodsman) said worked – that's for sure!
"just pee on them hands son, and rub them together,
Then you're able to work now in all kinds of weather!"
He grins and displays a mouthful of spaces
While ladies, in ear range, hide disgusted faces!
With soft voice and manner you meet this situation,
Keep temper in tow and avoid new irritations.

The day inches on with more faces to meet –
Your stomach is empty – you have tired feet.
But now an accountant is what you must be,
The debits and credits to be scored legibly.
Lock up the drugs – double-check the back door,
Unplug the coffee – yuck! – who could stand more!
Dismiss the help and now turn off the lights,
Mumbling so tiredly – "it was one of those nights!"

March 2020



Join us each Wednesday & Sunday during
Lent...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Services: 8:15 & 10:45 9:30 Sunday School QUARTER SUNDAY	2 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	3 AA 7:30 PM	4 TOPS 8:30 AM Bible Study 6 p.m. Holden prayer 7pm Choir rehearsal following AA MTG 7:30 PM	5	6 7:30 PM Friday AA	7
8 Services: 8:15 & 10:45 9:30 Sunday School COUNCIL MEETING 9:15 a.m. 	9 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	10 AA 7:30 PM	11 TOPS 8:30 AM Bible Study 6 p.m. Holden prayer 7pm Choir rehearsal following AA MTG 7:30 PM	12	13 7:30 PM Friday AA	14 All Sew Saturday 9:30-noon 
15 Services: 8:15 & 10:45 9:30 Sunday School April Newsletter Deadline	16 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir 7pm Property	17 AA 7:30 PM  Happy St. Patrick's Day	18 TOPS 8:30 AM Bible Study 6 p.m. Holden prayer 7pm Choir rehearsal following AA MTG 7:30 PM	19  FIRST DAY OF SPRING!!!	20 7:30 PM Friday AA	21
22 PRETZEL SUNDAY Services: 8:15 & 10:45 9:30 Sunday School	23 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	24 AA 7:30 PM	25 TOPS 8:30 AM Bible Study 6 p.m. Holden prayer 7pm Choir rehearsal following AA MTG 7:30 PM	26	27 7:30 PM Friday AA	28
29 Services: 8:15 & 10:45AM 9:30 Sunday School Easter Appeal Deadline	30 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	31 AA 7:30 PM				

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



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
Pretzel Sunday 3/22

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

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin & Char Feiler

Finance

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer

Property

Council liaison: Bob Dorler Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple
*Property Committee is now meeting the 3rd Mon. of the month-
7pm*

Stewardship

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair:
All Sew Saturday, 3/14 9:30-noon

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant
****LOOKING FOR NEW COMMITTEE
CO-CHAIRS****

Immanuel Hours

Church Office – 833-4062
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Staff

Church Caretaker: Wally Coughlin
Organist/Music: Director Bryan Timm
Admin. Ofc.: Lori Swanson Nemenz

Sunday school

Superintendent: Carolyn Kuntz
Assistant: Janice Kreger

Elected Lay Leadership

Treasurer: Bill Redditt
Fin. Sec.: Cindy Geddes – 734-1286

Church Council Officers

Pres. – Debbie Redditt – 449-1855
Vice Pres. – Bob Dorler – 833-2719
Secretary – Debbie Madurski – 774-3590

Council Members

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

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*A big **THANK YOU** to Gretchen Andrews who has now completed Payroll training of our new volunteer Treasurer, Bill Redditt. Our sincere gratitude to Gretchen for serving in this way and on Council and sharing*

*her gifts in so many ways here at Immanuel over the years.
Our sincere prayers and gratitude to Bill Redditt as well.*