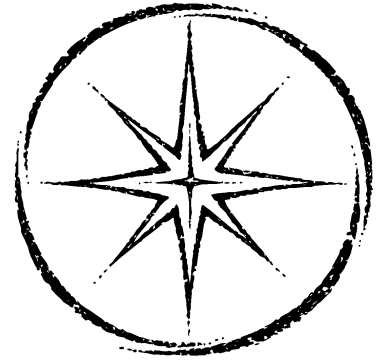
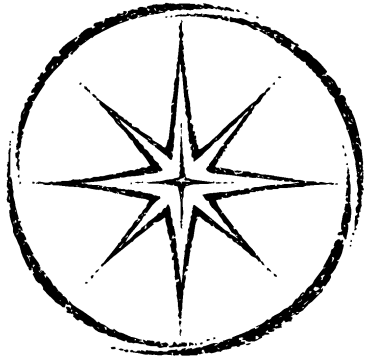


IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2022

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****Annual Meetings**SAVE THE DATE 1/23/22**

Faith in Action – Green Corner
Celebrations of Life & Love

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

Ephesians 4:31-32

“Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.”

If you're anything like me, you've given up making New Year's Resolutions because they just aren't kept past the second week of January. The ten most common resolutions in order of their popularity are: exercise more, lose weight, get organized, learn a new skill or hobby, live life to the fullest, save more money/spend less money, quit smoking, spend more time with family and friends, travel more, and read more. They sound good to most people, but most people are unable to keep them because they don't properly prepare.

This year I'm asking all of you to consider taking on a New Year's Resolution. I'm not asking you to go on a diet or do more exercise, but I am asking something that will take some time. I'm asking you to be kind to one another. To practice kindness. To let go of snarky comments. To begin to respect one another by seeing each other as made in the image of God.

God created each one of us with different skills and gifts; some of us are better at one thing than another person may be, and not as good at something else that another person is very good at. We can all use our time and talents to serve God without thinking we know what we're doing better than the other person. And before we get angry about being the only person doing something let's ask, "Did I ask anyone else for help?" Sometimes we feel as though we're doing it all, and we may be, but the chance is that we never let anyone know what we are doing so they don't have the opportunity to help out.

Let's start over this year with a new attitude of loving kindness, asking for help when needed, offering complements instead of criticism. Let's be a place where if Jesus were to come through the door, he'd like what he sees and hears.

I'm asking you to adopt the new motto for 2022, "Be kind to one another." Think before you speak. Say only what will build up, not cut down. Be gentle with one another. We are the family of God. This is going to take a joint effort so I'm asking each of you to do your best to keep this resolution.

As always if you want to talk, I'm usually in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Call or drop in 814-833-4062 or call my cell phone any time 724-557-2386. Please leave a message if I don't answer. (I also text.)

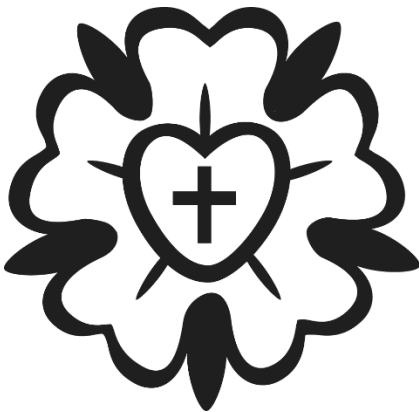
***Grace and Peace,
Pastor Karen***



REMINDER: Our next Confirmand Meeting will be January 2nd after worship with Anita Byrne

- we hope all 6 of our Confirmand Candidates can join us:

BRODY BONSELL
SUMMER FEILER
NATE PATERNOSH
TRISTA PATERNOSH
MADISON PENPEK
MIA PENPEK





Immanuel Worship Calendar

JANUARY 2022 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lector
1/2/22 9:30 AM Remove Christmas decorations	Greg Zimmerman	<u>Asst.</u> <u>Lay Dist.</u> Debbie Bob Dorler Redditt	Barb Coughlin
1/9/22 Baptism of Jesus 9:30 AM		Winston Baptism Bob Dorler	
1/16/22 9:30 AM	Kostur	Anita Byrne	Claudia Skerlong
1/23/22 9:30 AM <u>Council Installation</u> 2021 Annual year in review Cong. Mtg.	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Debbie Madurski
1/30/22 9:30 AM	Kostur	Stan Holsopple	Stan Holsopple



Altar Guild: J. Stewart/D. Dorler

Counters: Bill & Debbie Redditt

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 February
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: JANUARY 15TH

FAITH

IMMANUEL SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE



Thank you to all that donated items or money to our Christmas bags for



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those staying at the Community Shelter over the holiday. Each person received a tote bag, hat and scarf made by Denise Arnold with help sewing the hats from Sally Leubin. The totes also included socks and gloves. Toiletries provided by the congregation included washcloths, hand sanitizer, comb, lip balm, hand lotion, pen and paper, candy, razors, hand warmers and bus pass.



ACTION

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE HELP NEEDED

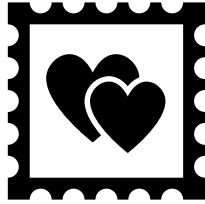
The Social Ministry committee encourages church members to help those who experienced the terrible tornados in the midwest. Donations to Lutheran Disaster Response can be made directly to: Lutheran Disaster Response

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write U.S. Tornados on your check.

Or you can send a check to church marked the same way and it will be sent for you. The last day to send it through the church will be January 23.



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 the church directory.

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.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Prayers for the friends and family Karen Botwright and Pastor Al Gesler & Pastor Roy Washill; as well as the family of Pastor Matt Dennison whose sister just passed away; continued prayers for Denise Arnold's Mom Lucie Arndt as well as brother-in-law Pastor Huhn; John & Tim Botwright & their families; the Feiler & Lee families; Cindy Geddes' family friend Deedee; Christin; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman; Kyle Husted; Amanda –Nita & Joe Byrne's daughter; Kevin Komorek – friend of Sally Leubin; Jim Kuntz; Leslie; Patrick Lewis–friend of S. Kocur; Bishop Michael Lozano; Carol McCray's sister, Marilyn; Friends of Debbie Redditt – Nathan Pelletier and Gayanne Nieratko; 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).

FAITH IN ACTION

GREEN TIP FROM SW PA SYNOD

If your home has forced-air heating and/or cooling (e.g. a heat pump), you likely have air filters as part of that system and know that it is important to change them frequently to keep the system running efficiently and to save energy. Frequently replacing filters, though, is expensive and adds trash in landfills. Fortunately there are both compostable and washable options available that will save you money and eliminate trash. Since forced-air HVAC systems cannot be used without a filter in place, you may want to purchase two sets of washable ones. That way one will always be clean, dry and ready for installation while the 2nd one is being washed. There are many brands available. Bryant and Permatron are two of them. This link is to various washable varieties from Permatron on the Discount Filters website -

<https://www.discountfilters.com/permatron-air-filters/c4996/>



Green Corner NWPASynod Green Team

Waste Not – Reduce Your Waste with a Waste Audit

The waste that we generate, individually and as congregations, has a big impact on the world around us. Part of caring for creation is being responsible for the waste that we generate and taking steps to eliminate as much waste as possible. A good way to get started, either at home or at church, is to conduct a waste audit.

Step one in a waste audit is very simple – look in the trash. What is being thrown away? What makes up the largest bulk of the trash? What is thrown away most often, maybe even daily?

Step two: After you have identified what's in the trash, brainstorm some ways to throw away less. Ask yourself some of these questions:

- Are there disposable items that you could replace with reusable items? (ie: single-use water bottles replaced with re-fillable water bottles, or paper towels replaced with washable rags)
- Are there things you currently throw out that you could recycle?
- Are there items you could clean and re-use instead of throwing away? (ie: zip-lock bags)
- Could you or someone else upcycle any of your items or use it for another purpose after initial use? (ie: for crafts or other projects)
- Is there anything you could donate instead of throwing away? (Use caution – don't donate items that are unwanted or in poor condition, but libraries may want old magazines, for example.)
- What food waste could you compost? You could start with just one or two types of food waste to compost, like coffee grounds, vegetables or fruits.
- What packaging can you eliminate? Maybe you can buy a different brand of the same item that uses less packaging, or paper packaging instead of plastic.
- Do you use take-out containers? Can you take your own container instead?
- Do you have non-perishable items that you buy frequently? Buying in bulk can reduce the amount of packaging you throw away.
- Are there things you regularly have too much of or frequently end up not needing? Think about ways to reduce how much you purchase.

Every little bit of waste reduction helps us be better stewards of God's creation!

The Green Team's purpose is to "raise awareness of and advocate for the care of creation." Our mission is to support and encourage creation care ministries, raise awareness, model creation care advocacy consistent with ELCA teachings in our faith communities and public life. nwpasynodgreenteam@gmail.com
<https://www.northwesternpasynodelca.org/nwpa-green-team.html>

Worship & Music in the News...

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



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>

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

5:30 P.M. – FAMILY SERVICE

10:00 P.M. – CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

15 min. special musical prelude at 9:45 p.m.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL THURSDAY AT 7:15 P.M.
AND
ON SUNDAY MORNING AT 8:45 A.M.**



COFFEE HOUR 1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

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

Celebrations

of Life and

Love



January Birthdays

January 1	Steve Holsopple
11	Kim Paternosh
18	Mike Lee
19	Jack Botwright
25	Debbie Redditt
26	Judy Sierota

No January Anniversaries

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.

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.

January

2022



Greetings of Peace

HAPPY NEW



YEAR!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Choir rehearsal: 8:45 Service: 9:30 10:30 Sunday School CONFIRMAND MTG. QUARTER SUNDAY REMOVE DECORATIONS ☕ COFFEE HOUR	3 QUILTERS 9:30 AM	4 AA 7:30 PM	5 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	6 EPIPHANY Choir 7:15pm	7 7:30 PM AA	8
9 BAPTISM OF JESUS Choir rehearsal: 8:45 Service: 9:30 10:30 Sunday School COUNCIL MTG. 6 PM	10 QUILTERS 9:30 AM MITTEN TREES COME DOWN	11 AA 7:30 PM	12 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	13 Choir 7:15pm	14 7:30 PM AA	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
16 Choir rehearsal: 8:45 Service: 9:30 10:30 Sunday School	17 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus	18 PROPERTY COMMITTEE MTG 7 p.m. AA 7:30 PM	19 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	20 Choir 7:15pm	21 7:30 PM AA	22
23 Service: 9:30 10:30 Sunday School CONGREGATION MTG. AFTER SERVICE & COUNCIL INSTALLATION	24 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	25 AA 7:30 PM	26 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	27 Choir 7:15pm	28 7:30 PM AA	29
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WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF YOU TODAY AND IN THE DAYS AHEAD?



**All are
Welcome**

Immanuel Hours

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Hours: M-Th. 8:30am-12:30pm
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Staff

Pastor Karen Kostur 814-833-4062
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 & Pastor
Kostur

Congregation & Church Council Officers

Pres:Debbie Redditt 814-449-1855
VP:Bob Dorler 814-833-2719
Sec.:D. Madurski 814-774-3590
Fin. Sec.:C.Geddes 814-734-1286
Treasurer: Bill Redditt

Additional Council Members

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

**OUR 2021 ANNUAL YEAR IN REVIEW
MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 23RD IS
RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, SO
PLEASE BEGIN TO PREPARE & SHARE
YOUR COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS
WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE, AS WE
THANK GOD FOR GUIDING OUR
MINISTRY AT IMMANUEL FOR 80+
YRS!!!**

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*

*****CONGREGATION MEETING TO REVIEW 2022 BUDGET –
1/23/22*****

Christian Education

Council liaison: Char Feiler

**SUNDAY SCHOOL K-ADULT 10:30 A.M.
CONFIRMAND MEETING: JAN 2ND 10:30 A.M**

Communications

Council liaison: D.Redditt Committee Chair: vacant

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church calendar, newsletter or annual report?

Check out our website <http://www.ilc-erie.org/>

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IN PRINT IN THE ERIE TIMES NEWS**

Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin & Cindy Eckman

**COFFEE HOUR 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
LITTLE FREE PANTRY**

Finance

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer

AUDIT

Property

Council liaison: Bob Dorler Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple

**FACILITY MAINTENANCE, RENTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
BOILER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Stewardship

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

REMINDER: THRIVENT DESIGNATION TO IMMANUEL

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair: Debbie Madurski

TORNADO RESCUE FUND

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant

****Looking For New Committee Co-Chairs****

**CHOIR: THURSDAYS 7:15 P.M. & 8:45 A.M SUNDAY
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

DRIVE-IN AND INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES 9:30 A.M.

OneDrive audio files of recorded services

<https://onedrive.live.com/about/en-us/signin/>

PASTOR KOSTUR'S SERMONS ON OUR FACEBOOK & WEBPAG