

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2018

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*****RETURN TO FALL SCHEDULE: 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM STARTING 9/9/18*****

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God's Work, Our Hands

This year for this very special Sunday, September 9th, we will again be celebrating **Sunday School Rally Day**; our annual **Quilt Blessing** to send them off to Lutheran World Relief; and this year we are collecting much needed items for the Meadville School District where Immanuel member, Mary Hauser, is a Speech Therapist! This school district is in a very low income economic area and the students need our help!



If you can help to supply the following items, know that they will be put to good use:

Germx
Kleenex
Snacks (individually packaged)
Glue sticks
Pencils
Crayons
Dry erase markers (black)
Jump ropes, balls, etc (for recess)

Place them in the Donation Center box
marked **God's Work, Our Hands**

REPORT FROM SYNOD VOTING DELEGATE ~Anita Byrne

Northwest/Southwest Synod Assembly was held June 14-16 at Thiel University. Opening Eucharist was held in Passavant Center with both synods participating. Pastor Jacobson presided and Rev. Melissa Stoller gave the sermon. It amazes me how orderly 500 communing can be.

Northwest Synod met in Howard Miller Center for our first plenary session. **Our first order of business was to give 9 youth attending from synod churches voting rights for this assembly.** Rev. Julia Frazier was presented the McCoid Order of Service.

Bishop Jones report had 3 key points: Pastor compensation, Institute for Ministry, and 2019 Bishop Election. Bishop compared our synod compensation with our 2 closest comparable synods: Upper Susquehanna and Allegheny. We have much to do to be competitive! The Institute for Ministry is considering non-degree members becoming part of the TEEM program. Our synod is contributing 10.5% toward benevolence. Most other synods contribute 4%.

We returned to Passavant Center before dinner. Lutherlyn Camp staff was present to sing and give a Camp Report. **Our ELCA representative this year was Mikka McCracken. She is the director of Planning Engagement for World Hunger.** She spoke on the places throughout the world she has visited and **how our money is being used** for hunger, as well as drinking water and toilets.

After dinner, we again met in Passavant Center. This time for a **concert with Abraham Jam.** A Muslim, a Christian and a Jew walk onto the stage and created amazing harmony. Billy and David are from North Carolina and Dawud is from Canada. It was an evening of songs, stories, laughter and inspiration.

Friday we heard from our synod **world hunger-** chickens and peeps. Pat Bellingham gave the Synod Women's Organization report. She reported on **Lilly Bags.** These are given to the hospitals for distribution to assault victims. They include undies, bra, kleenex, prayer square and a message of hope. United Lutheran Seminary (combined Gettysburg and Philadelphia) reported that Gettysburg has **received a \$30 million endowment for providing students at Gettysburg with full scholarships.**

Friday afternoon we had the **opportunity to attend forums.** I chose to **attend Healing for the Nation.** This was presented by NW Synod Comm. on Worship. We discussed different healing and anointing rites and how to incorporate them. Before leaving we participated in an anointing rite. The 2nd forum I attended was **Mental Health in the Pew and Pulpit.** Pastor Arlene Schweitzer lead us in exploring the stigma that surrounds mental illness and ways to confront the barriers that limit our understanding and acceptance.

Friday evening we again had **combined worship**. Our theme throughout assembly was **Who is my Neighbor?** Our sermon for the evening was a interview with Mr. McFeely (the mailman) from Mr. Rodgers Neighborhood. What an interesting outlook of who is my neighbor. Fred Rodgers was such a visionary and his message is so real today.

Saturday we met together one last time. Liddy Barlow was our keynote speaker. Liddy is the Executive Minister of Christian Associates for Southwest, Pa. Liddy is an ordained minister with the United Church of Christ. As director she serves 28 Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox churches in Greater Pittsburgh. Liddy spoke on how we are all neighbors. We all need to be treated equally. Through our Lord Jesus Christ with collaboration and connectedness we can accomplish neighborhood.

Thank you again for the opportunity to attend.

CALL COMMITTEE ~UPDATE~

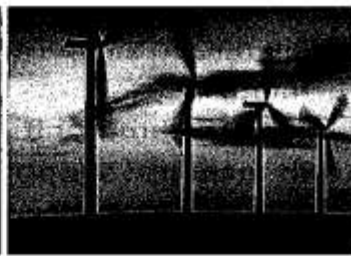
YOUR NEW PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE

A call committee has been formed through the efforts of the Council appointed Committee Chair, Bob Dorler. Your new Call Committee members are: Bob Dorler, Joe Byrne, Gretchen Andrews, Debbie Redditt, Diane McGranor, and Rick Kuntz and they met on August 23rd to discern next steps in our pastoral search.



Please keep these folks, the Council, and Immanuel Lutheran Church in your prayers .

There are a few folks from Erie and the local NWPA Synod Green Team, who are offering carpooling to the Meadville event. Contact the church office 833-4062 – if interested.



SAVE THE DATE

Please Join Interfaith Leaders for the ENERGY STAR® Pennsylvania Stewardship Tour

Tuesday, September 25

Akron– 9:00am; Bedford – 2:30pm; Pittsburgh –7:00pm

Wednesday, September 26

Meadville–9:00am;State College– 2:30pm;Harrisburg – 7:00pm

Thursday, September 27

Media –9:00am

Virtually every faith tradition teaches stewardship: Out of gratitude and appreciation for what we have been given, we are taught to make wise use of gifts and assets such as financial and natural resources, the time and talents of congregation members, and the house of worship, itself, in ways that are responsible and accountable.

- However, like most U.S. commercial buildings, ***the typical worship facility wastes about 30 percent of the energy for which its congregants pay.***

No-cost efficiency actions and careful investments can earn substantial savings to be returned to the mission of the congregation. *What could your congregation do with funds equivalent to 30 percent of your annual energy bill?* Further, while saving money, the pollution related to this wasted energy will be reduced—pollution that impacts human life and health. At the same time, natural resources will be conserved for our children and generations to come.

ENERGY STAR is the nation's voluntary program helping congregations, businesses, schools, homeowners, and tenants save energy and water—and therefore money. Local Pennsylvania faith communities are hosting ENERGY STAR presentations on tools, training, and technical support freely available at www.energystar.gov/congregations.

- **TOOLS:**

- Download the free **ENERGY STAR Action Workbook for Congregations**(PDF)for savings facts and strategies, action lists, no-cost/low-cost “Sure Savers” and more at www.energystar.gov/congregations
- Use the free, online **Portfolio Manager**® tool for tracking energy, water savings, and recycling/material management, and the resulting pollution prevention at www.energystar.gov/benchmark



- **TRAINING:**

- Live and recorded webinars, FAQs, fact sheets, short videos, at www.energystar.gov/buildings/training on Portfolio Manager and other energy and water saving topics

- **TECHNICAL SUPPORT:**

- ENERGY STAR Help Desk at www.energystar.gov/buildings/help

- **JOIN ENERGY STAR:**

- Learn how your congregation can be an ENERGY STAR partner at no cost or obligation at www.energystar.gov/joinbuildings



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Christian
Education
SUNDAY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
***SEPTEMBER 2018 ***



Wow, why does Summer always seem to slip by so quickly?

With our students preparing to go back to school soon, I am preparing for a new Sunday School year.

First an update: our combined VBS with Lakewood Methodist was a great success. We averaged about 24 students each night. That might not seem like many, but other programs this Summer (also combined church ones) had under 10 students. The science projects worked, the craft projects stuck together, the games were fun, the snacks tasty, the Bible lessons were awesome, the openings and closings each night were busy with singing, dancing, and excitement and the last night ended with ice cream and cookies.

What a fun and tiring week it was. During the week we collected can goods for the pasta kitchen and paper products for the Methodist Refuge house. It turned out to be a great mission project (remember we only had 24 students). We collected 74 cans of food and 43 rolls of paper products. Everyone was generous and we were very thankful.

Many thanks to Anita Byrne, Debbie Madurski and Jen Kuntz for all of their valuable help.

With our **Rally Day on September 9th**, we kick off a new church school year. Time to order new curriculum books. I am checking if we had any students with perfect attendance, any Summer Baptisms, and if any third grade Bibles are needed. Donuts and juice again? How about some games or craft projects or Bible word searches or a good hard Bible crossword puzzle?

Yes, Summer has flown by, but it is time to move on. Janice Kreger, Rick Kuntz, Anita Byrne and I are very grateful for our congregations support and prayers for our education program.



Quick update and thank you - Lincoln Metal Aluminum can recycling - \$35.00 received in the month of August.

As always ~ Thanks for reading and praying

Carolyn Kuntz, Sunday School Superintendent



Property

Both of our recent rental tenants have relocated and the Property Committee is working with Glowacki Management to locate new tenants. We welcome your promotion of this information to your friends and family.

Meetings take place at our church almost every evening and facility fees for use of the building are paid by these groups but, we have room to accommodate a few more. If you know of a group that serves the community and is looking for a low cost space to gather, please have them contact the church office.

Can you help?

Can you spare an hour or two?

We have a couple projects that are 1-time commitments....

– just right for you?

Can you help?

1. Could you take some time to sort through some ink cartridges before we ship them off for credit and recycling? We don't want to send incorrect items so we have a list and a box full of cartridges – give me a call if you are willing to help with this project at church.
2. We also need to work on our church history files and would love to have someone familiar with the history of Immanuel take on this task. Contact the church office if you are willing to lend a hand.

Thank you ~ Lori

The Immanuel Quilting Group is looking for cotton or cotton blend flat sheets (no flannel or 100% polyester please)....If you have new or old, flat sheets, twin sized or larger, that you no longer need, please share them with us.

**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
SEPTEMBER 16TH**



Did you know?

*The Liturgical color for
the season after Pentecost
is
~Green*

**Green = OUR GROWTH IN
FAITH AS WE FOLLOW THE
TEACHINGS & MINISTRY OF
CHRIST.**

SEPTEMBER 2018 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
9/2/18 One service 10:00	Pastor Karen Lundwall	Bob Dorler	n/a	Ann Anderson
9/9/18 <u>Rally Day</u> God's Work, Our Hands Sunday 8:15 10:45	Pastor Jake Jacobson	Debbie Redditt Cindy Geddes	n/a	Cindy Eckman Debbie Madurski
9/16/18 8:15 10:45	David Pryber	Jen Kuntz Char Feiler	Rick Kuntz Gretchen Andrews	Barb Coughlin Char Feiler
9/23/18 8:15 10:45	Ed Whitbed	Jen Kuntz Char Feiler	Stan Holsopple Cindy Geddes	Rick Kuntz Lori Nemenz
9/30/18 8:15 10:45	Jacque Holmberg	Bob Dorler John Siefert	Stan Holsopple Gretchen Andrews	Bob Dorler Claudia Skerlong

***** **Worship participants please note:**

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

Acolyte:

Counters: Stan Holsopple/Denise Arnold

Ushers: Early: Rick Kuntz/Bob Dorler Late: B. Dorler/J. & M. Siefert

Soup Kitchen Items Needed: Canned Chicken & Beef Broth

Soup Kitchen Delivery: Stan Holsopple

Altar Guild: Donna Dorler/Judy Stewart

***Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board
for October***



KEEP IN PRAYER: Lucie Arndt, Esther Bax, Brock Michael & his Mom-Karla, Mr. Coughlin – Wally’s Dad, Elizabeth & Jeremy Cool, Dominic, Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Kyle Husted, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Phyllis Lindahl, Marie McKinney, Michael, Howard & Glenn McGranor, Carole & Jeff Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, Maria S., Debbie Sitter, 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).

Greetings from Doris Roesch: *Jeanette Swanson & Lori Nemenz paid a visit to our amazing Doris Roesch who is now 102 yrs. young. Doris sends her greetings to all who remember her and looks forward to receiving communion and guest visits as time allows. She misses Immanuel and all her friends here and visits from a pastor but is also very happy and comfy at Niagara Village Retirement community where she has lived for over 10 yrs. Give her a call to arrange a visit – she’s in the directory. Doris and Bob’s son lives out of town so is not able to visit as often as he’d like.*

Greetings from Judi Casler: *Jeanette Swanson recently talked with Judi and shares that Judi sounds wonderful and sends her greetings to all. Judi welcomes your calls, cards, and communion visits and is thankful for her faith community at Immanuel.*

If others would like to share updates on their communications with our shut-ins please email or share a note with the office – we remember all our members – near and far and those that aren’t able to be with us always.

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, Esther Bax, Judi Casler, Sally & “Shel” Fager, & Doris Roesch.

FAITH

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ACTION

~Thank you letter~
from Inter-Church
Ministries



**Inter-Church
Ministries**
of Erie County

Working Together...United in Faith

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July 18, 2018

Immanuel Lutheran Church
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Dear Friends and Immanuel Lutheran:

Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County gratefully acknowledges receipt of your church's contribution in the amount of:

\$150 (Your Check #13065, d. 6/30/18)

given in support of Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County and its 2018 Pentecost Appeal and representing your congregation's local hunger contributions.

We thank you for your generous support of cooperative ministry in the area and our efforts to minister to God's people in need. We pledge to use your gifts wisely as good stewards in our efforts to build up the Body of Christ in our community. We remain in constant need of your prayers and support.

Again, our deepest gratitude.

Yours in Christ,

Johnny C. Johnson
President, Inter-Church Ministries

No goods or services were provided to you by the organization in connection with any contribution, or their value was insignificant or consisted entirely of intangible religious benefits.

continued

– “Be Still and Know that I am God” –

Sanctuary Candle & Altar Flowers



Celebrations of Life and Love

The 2018 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.

September Birthdays

September	5	Madison Penpek
	11	Airi Suokas, Claudia Skerlong, Bob Cooper
	13	Elizabeth Cool
	15	Tom Stewart, Summer Feiler
	17	Matt Moore
	26	Matt Leubin
	27	Beth Maloney
	28	Denise Arnold, Steve Saylor
	29	Sue Pfeiffer

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

September Anniversaries

Congratulations to those celebrating their anniversary on

September 2	Char & Dick Feiler (51!!)
16	Diane & Glenn McGranor

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.

Congratulations to the new Mr. & Mrs. couples

Jon and Marie (Vitullo) Redditt were married on August 4, 2018 in Victor, NY



For more details check out their Wedding page at: <https://www.theknot.com/us/marie-vitullo-and-jonathan-redditt-aug-2018>

Laura Beth Andrews and Jeremy Ditzler were married on August 18, 2018 by Laura's Aunt Beth Siefert in Erie, PA




September 2018

Greetings of Peace



RALLY DAY IS SEPT 9TH!!!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 QUARTER SUNDAY One Service 10:00 Traditional Service	3 LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED NO-Quilting, Flagship City Chorus, or Flute Choir	4 AA 7:30 PM	5 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	6 	7 7:30 PM Friday AA	8
9 RALLY DAY!!! SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM God's Work, Our Hands & Quilt Blessing Church Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM COUNCIL MTG 7:00 PM	10 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus No Flute Choir	11 AA 7:30 PM	12 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	13 BELL CHOIR 6:15 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:15 PM	14 7:30 PM Friday AA	15
16 Sunday School 9:30 am Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7pm Presque Isle Flute Club	18 PROPERTY COMM. MTG. 7PM AA 7:30 PM	19 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	20 BELL CHOIR 6:15 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:15 PM	21 7:30 PM Friday AA	22  REDDITT WEDDING
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RALLY DAY – SEPT.
9TH - TIME FOR FUN,
FAITH & ???

START TO LOOK
AHEAD
Will you answer
the call to serve
on Council?

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



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Immanuel Hours

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

Staff

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 - 476-7290
Fin. Sec.: Cindy Geddes – 734-1286

Church Council Officers

Pres. – Debbie Redditt – 449-1855
Vice Pres. – Gretchen Andrews - 838-3298
Secretary Kim Lee - 838-4022

Council Members

Cindy Eckman, Debbie Madurski, Kim Lee, George
Pfeiffer, Hannah Mays, Debbie Redditt, John
Siefert, 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*

A note from Church Council: Please help us look to the
future – connect with one of our Council members, find
out about this aspect of our faith community – consider
serving – we have an open spot for you in our future.

Christian Education

Council liaison: Cindy Eckman
RALLY DAY – SEPT. 9TH

Communications

Council liaison: vacant Committee Chair: vacant

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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: David & Hannah Mays
Nov. event w/Stewardship

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*

Stewardship

Council liaison: John Seifert
Nov. event w/F.O.G.

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair:
God's Work-Our Hands: School Supply Collection
All Sew Saturday: Oct. 6th 9:30 AM
Sloppy Joe Dinner at Holy Trinity Oct 25th

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Kim Lee Committee Chair: vacant
Sept. 13 Choir Rehearsals begin again
Ringers: 6:15 Open Rehearsal-come & give it a try
Singers: 7:15 PM



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