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MAY NEWSLETTER

Highlights from the NWPALCA Synod's office calendar

May 21 – 4:00pm

The Tragedy & Necessity of the Reformation

Rev. Dr. Jane Strohl & Dr. James Drane

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

720 Liberty Street, Clarion PA

June 15-17 2017

Synod Assembly

The Significance of the Reformation for today

Registration will be active until May 15, 2017

<http://www.nwpaelca.org/assembly-2017.html>

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**Dear members and friends of
Immanuel Lutheran!**

Watchword May 2017

*"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned
with salt."*

Colossians 4:6 (NRSV)

Thank you to all who **walked** with me **during Lent** virtually and explored some of the cities, where Martin Luther served or significant events happened in light of the Reformation.

Holy Week began with **Palm Sunday**. In between the first and second service several members and Sunday School kids went on the journey to learn more about traditions and practices during Holy Week in Europe thanks to a video, which was provided by the ELCA in Chicago. Thank you all for coming and enjoying the popcorn.

Thank you to all the attendees of the **Maundy Thursday** worship who came up to have their feet washed. You blessed me by allowing me to serve you in washing your feet! So thank you! It means a lot to me as a Deaconess – my pin reminds me every day that I am a servant of the Lord and God. Take a look at the pin next time you walk up to me

Thank you to all the lectors, counters, ushers, assistants, the altar guild, musicians, to Pr. Lundwall who helped to make Holy Week and Easter a special and meaningful experience.

When many of us were already on the way home from the **Maundy Thursday** worship many stayed behind and **washed the altar** and other items in the altar room before the Good Friday Service. Also many hands prepared the Altar room for the celebration of Easter, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Yes, you are right, the **Alleluia** is back. It is part of our worship again. On Transfiguration Sunday, the last Sunday before Lent the Sunday School kids made an **Alleluia-Banner**. During the worship on Transfiguration Sunday, the Sunday School kids and their teacher "buried" (hid) the banner for the remainder of Lent.

On Easter Sunday, the **Alleluia-Banner** came back. It is hanging in the altar room and is another way of expressing joy about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ - that Christ won the victory over death for us. I invite you to come to worship on Sundays and check the beautiful and colorful **Alleluia banner** out and express your joy about the resurrection of the Lord. You are welcome to bring a friend!

Your servant in Christ,

Vicar/Deaconess Cowey, Deaconess of the LDA, BCC

Welcome to Worship in May:

May 7 Good Shepherd Sunday

4th Sunday of Easter

08:15am and 10:45am

May 14 I am the way, the truth and the life – Music Sunday

5th Sunday of Easter

08:15am and 10:45am

May 21 Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned

6th Sunday of Easter

08:15am and 10:45am

May 28 Gathering in the upper room – Memorial Day

7th Sunday of Easter

10:00am – one service

Praying the Catechism at Panera Bread

May 4, May 11, May 18 - 11am

Panera Bread, Yorktown Center, 2501 W 12th St, Erie PA

Bible Word Search Puzzle

Y N N J D R E H P E H S K S T
N J E E M M C E S K A L B A V
T G V S R L N I D B Z E S L Q
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A Y H P O S O L I H P A T W A
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ABEL	PARCHMENT
ABOMINATION	PESTILENCE
ADAM	PHARAOH
ANGEL	PHILOSOPHY
ANGELS	PRIEST
BOOKS	PROPHET
EBENEZER	PROVERB
EDEN	SALVATION
EZEKIEL	SHEPHERD
GABRIEL	SINS
GOD	
HEAVEN	
JESUS	
JEZEBEL	
PARABLE	

Help the shepherd find his lost sheep.



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Please Note: Please inform the Vicar when you are going into the hospital. If you want to be visited, please let us know. Thank you. Vicar's cell phone is: 717-650-0999

May 2017

Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
5/7/17				
Early	V. Cowey	Bob Dorler	Stan Holsopple	Rick Kuntz
Late	V. Cowey	Anita Byrne	Cindy Geddes	Lorraine Hornaman
5/14/17				
Early	V. Cowey	Stan Holsopple	Rick Kuntz	Cindy Eckman
Late	V. Cowey	Gretchen Andrews	Anita Byrne	Debbie Madurski
5/21/17				
Early	P. Washill	Debbie Redditt	n/a	Bill Redditt
Late	P. Washill	Anita Byrne	n/a	Ann Anderson
5/28/17 1 Service	Memorial Day Weekend			
10:00 am	V. Cowey	Cindy Geddes	Anita Byrne	Cindy Geddes

Acolyte: n/a

Altar Guild: Penny Maloney/Sue Pfeiffer

Counters: Cindy Geddes/Barb Coughlin

Ushers: E: Hannah & Dave Mays

L: Bob Roemer

Soup Kitchen Items Needed: Canned Potatoes/Canned Sweet Potatoes

Soup Kitchen Delivery: Stan Holsopple

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



June Newsletter Deadline: May 14, 2017

Sunday School Newsletter – May 2017



Hi from the second floor office. Our Easter celebration was fun! Thanks to Vicar Cowey for reading an interactive bible story. We had some crafts and puzzle/coloring sheets too. We had a good egg hunt (Thank you Jen and Rick), good bagels and a great piñata smash. Our Easter banner that we buried on Feb. 26th was dug up and is shining in the sanctuary. It was great to go from the "A" word to Alleluia he is risen indeed!

Our school year is quickly coming to an end. All our students will walk to the park by Lakewood Church on May 14th (weather permitting) to have some end of the year fun (sneakers would probably be good shoes for climbing the slides/play jungles). Our last day of classes will be May 21st.

Anita Byrne and I have already had planning meetings with Lakewood superintendent Pam Anthony about Vacation Bible School. VBS this year will be July 16-20th here at Immanuel. Anyone interested in helping that week can see Anita or me. A sign-up sheet for supplies will show up on our bulletin board across from Vicar's office door sometime in late June-early July.

We received a mailing from Lutherlyn inviting everyone to "CAMP BLAST" on Saturday, May 13th from 11am-4:30 pm. A fun day to highlight all that Lutherlyn has to offer. Everything is free! It is a great way to see if summer camp is of interest for your young people (www.lutherlyn.com/campblast for details). Some info will be on our bulletin board – check it out.

Many, many thanks to our teachers who make our program run – Anita Byrne, Ben Reitz, Janice Kreger and Rick Kuntz. Thank you for bringing your young people to Sunday school. We care about them so very much and count them as blessings to our church. Have a safe and happy summer. Hope to see you all at VBS!!

Thanks for reading.

Carolyn Kuntz – Sunday School Superintendent



May Birthdays

May	2	Hannah Mays
	4	Lorraine Hornaman, Ray Kreger
	7	John Siefert, Sr.
	9	Diane Komisarski
	11	Diane McGranor
	21	Lawrence Nemenz
	22	Richard Kuntz
	23	Mary Hetrick
	28	Carole Rickrode
	29	we remember Loraine Wambsgans

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

May Anniversaries

May	4	Kim and Mike Lee
	18	Cindy and Larry Geddes
	19	Debbie & Ron Madurski
	25	Diane and Charles Komisarski
	27	Willis and Esther Bax
	29	Sharon and Bob Roemer

Congratulations to those celebrating their anniversary!!!

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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SPECIAL CELEBRATION NOTE - from Mary Hetrick:

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Rev. Colleen (Hetrick) Montgomery

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

405 W. Main St.

Wytheville, VA 24382

276-228-2171

She will be installed by the Dean of her conference

Thank you.



KEEP IN PRAYER: Lucie Arndt, Denise, Esther Bax, Rose Brown, Betsy Case, Jeremy Cool, Pat Dehner, Cindy Geddes, David Guthrie, Jim Hornaman, Pastor Huhn, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Marie McKinney, Michael, Sharon Roemer, Crystal S., Sophie Rene, Pastor Schultz, Maria S., Debbie Sitter, Robin Steger, Pastor Weber, 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).

Please also 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 List is available in the office.



Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End

Join us for a free screening and discussion of the PBS FRONTLINE documentary *Being Mortal*. Based on the best-selling book by Dr. Atul Gawande, this film explores the hopes of patients and families facing terminal illness and their relationships with the doctors, nurses and family members who care for them.

See the film and be part of a national conversation that brings medical professionals and community members together around the shared responsibility of discussing what matters most to patients and families facing difficult treatment decisions and how to have these conversations ahead of a medical crisis.

Sponsored in part by Great Lakes Hospice and Villa Maria School of Nursing at Gannon University.

UPMC Hamot

Tuesday, April 25
4 to 6 p.m.

**Magee-Womens,
UPMC Hamot**
Lincoln Education Center
118 E. Second St.

Tuesday, June 6
6 to 8 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
3108 Sterrettania Road

For more information,
call **814-877-6913**.

Light refreshments will
be served.

Sanctuary Candle & Altar Flower

Sponsorship Charts for 2017



The 2017 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. If you prefer to bring your own flowers or plants please contact the office to make arrangements.

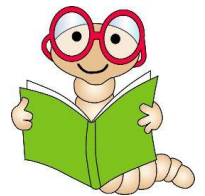
From The Immanuel Library Book Worm

Bryson City Season – BY WALT LARIMORE, M.D. 32L
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Bryson City is a small town in North Carolina's Smoky Mountains, noted for its great trout fishing.

This young doctor will take you through the seasons of his first year as he establishes his practice in this small hamlet. He is not accepted, right away, by the older folks until they are in desperate health.

Along the way of this first year, Dr. Walt learns about love, humor and glowing faith. He also learns about a simpler, more wholesome way of life.



Reviewed by Jeanette Swanson



GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

In celebration of Pentecost, June 4th, 2017 you are given the opportunity to order red geraniums in memory/honor of loved ones.

These will be on the altar on Pentecost Sunday and then planted outside the church. Please fill out the form below and return it, with payment to the church office before May 21st, 2017

I would like to order _____ plants at \$5.00 each.

Amount enclosed

Signed _____

In honor of / or In memory of

Volunteers to help with the planting of the geraniums will be needed!!

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 – 7PM*

Christian Education

Council liaison: Ben Reitz

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: David & Hannah Mays

Members and guests are welcome to take the bookmarks and pocket calendars in the pews.

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

Please fill out your Time & Talent forms and consider a 2017 Pledge –pick up a form at church or ask for one in the office

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Mary Hauser – Committee chair: vacant

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Kim Lee Committee Chair: vacant



Immanuel Hours

Church Office – 833-4062

Hours - Mon-Thurs. 8:30am-12:30pm

Staff

Vicar Heidi Cowey

Bell Choir Director Lorraine Hornaman

Church Caretaker Wally Coughlin

Organist/Music Director Bryan Timm

Administrative Secretary Lori Swanson Nemenz

Sunday school

Superintendent Carolyn Kuntz

Assistant Janice Kreger

Elected Lay Leadership

Treasurer John Siefert

Financial Secretary Cindy Geddes – 734-1286

Church Council Officers

President David Mays – 838-3239

Vice President – Ben Reitz – 460-0575

Secretary Kim Lee -838-4022

Council Members

Gretchen Andrews, Cindy Eckman, Mary Hauser, Kim Lee, David Mays, Hannah Mays, Debbie Redditt, Ben Reitz, John Siefert.



4/26/2017

10:47 AM

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Calendar of Events

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00p-Flute Choir Practice 7:00p-Flagship City Chorus Practice	2 7:30p-AA Meeting-LAKEWOOD	3 8:30a-TOPS Weight Loss Group 7:30p-AA MEETING-BIG BOOK	4 11:00a-Bible Study 7:30p-AI Anon Meeting	5 7:30p-Friday Ladies AA Meeting	6
7 QUARTER SUNDAY 8:15a-Early Service 9:00a-Adult Sunday School 9:30a-Sunday School 10:45a-Late Service	8 7:00p-Flagship City Chorus Practice 7:00p-Flute Choir Practice	9 7:30p-AA Meeting-LAKEWOOD	10 8:30a-TOPS Weight Loss Group 7:30p-AA MEETING-BIG BOOK	11 11:00a-Bible Study 7:30p-AI Anon Meeting	12 7:30p-Friday Ladies AA Meeting	13
14 Mothers' Day JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MUSIC SUNDAY 8:15a-Early Service 9:00a-Adult Sunday School 9:30a-Sunday School- FIELDTRIP TO LAKEWOOD PARK 10:45a-Late Service	15 7:00p-Flagship City Chorus Practice 7:00p-Flute Choir Practice	16 7:00a-ELECTION DAY BOOK & BAKE SALE 7:00p-PROPERTY COMM. MTG 7:30p-AA Meeting-LAKEWOOD	17 8:30a-TOPS Weight Loss Group 7:30p-AA MEETING-BIG BOOK	18 11:00a-Bible Study 7:30p-AI Anon Meeting	19 7:30p-Friday Ladies AA Meeting	20
21 8:15a-Early Service 9:30a-Sunday School - LAST DAY FOR THE SEASON 10:45a-Late Service	22 7:00p-Flute Choir Practice 7:00p-Flagship City Chorus Practice	23 7:30p-AA Meeting-LAKEWOOD	24 8:30a-TOPS Weight Loss Group 7:30p-AA MEETING-BIG BOOK	25 7:30p-AI Anon Meeting	26 7:30p-Friday Ladies AA Meeting	27
28 10:00a-One Service Only	29 Memorial Day HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED 7:00p-Flagship City Chorus Practice 7:00p-Flute Choir Practice	30 7:30p-AA Meeting-LAKEWOOD	31 8:30a-TOPS Weight Loss Group 7:30p-AA MEETING-BIG BOOK			