

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH MAY NEWSLETTER 2020

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# ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

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***FAITH\*\*\*FELLOWSHIP\*\*\*FUN***



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# Sunday School Newsletter May 2020

Christian Education reaching out to all (not just students). This **Bible Verse Quiz** may have you paging through your Bible, or not. How many do you know without the Bible?

Hope you are all safe and healthy. Have fun!

\* See the answers on the last page



1. Genesis 6-7-8 Who did God tell he was going to cover the earth with water? What did that person do?

2. Genesis 2:7-22 Who did God put in the garden of Eden? What were they told not to do?

3. Matthew 6:9 There is a banner in the confirmation classroom. What's on it?

4. Jonah 1:1 Jonah was in a boat when God brought up a violent storm on the sea. He was thrown overboard and...?

5. Luke 2:6-7 Who traveled to Bethlehem to register for the census? What happened in the barn after they arrived?



Happy Spring – thanks for reading,

Carolyn Kuntz, Sunday School Superintendent

## Property Committee Update



**Can you spare some time?**



The Powell Avenue property will soon be up for rent again! Thank you for all the efforts by our Property Committee members involved in working with our tenants and preparing the property for the next folks to arrive. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the rental please contact the church office at 833-4062.

### Caring for God's Creation

**Can you lend a hand?**

During the month of April, amid the challenge of the pandemic

we recognized the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniv. of Earth Day on 4/22 and it comes as a reminder that we

are tasked to be good stewards of God's creation – not to use and abuse it in a way

that might cause the scales to tip out of balance and away from God's master plan

- but to tend and care for it as a shepherd

**Can you help spread the word...**



would lovingly care for their flock. It is good to be gently reminded of this call to stewardship of all of God's creation and to consider the things that we might do as a faith community to

become better stewards of God's Creation.

NWPA Synod Green Team

# W/ELCA NEWS & EVENTS

## Women of the Evang. Lutheran Church in America



All of the planned WELCA events for this Summer and Fall are being cancelled but many folks are gathering online and via Zoom and trying to continue to help lift each other and carry on the wonderful ministry efforts of this group. Here is an example of just one way of continuing to connect – this is a daily email reflection called DAILY GRACE....

### [Telling the stories](#)

*Apr 28, 2020 01:00 am*

Near the end of his gospel, John explains why he has gone to the trouble of telling certain stories. “These are written,” he says, “so that you may come to believe.”

Like John, Jesus is also willing to do whatever it takes to make the Easter story convincing for his friends. Thomas doubts, Jesus makes a special appearance to give him proof. Today, Easter is still a time for telling the good news in fresh and creative ways to make sure that it is accessible and convincing to people of many ages, places, and personalities.

Easter stewardship involves supporting our storytellers and providing the tools they need to write, speak, sing and show the stories of our faith.

*This is taken from “Providing for storytellers,” a stewardship devotion by Emma Crossen that first appeared in the April 2012 issue of [Interchange](#).*

The post [Telling the stories](#) appeared first on [Women of the ELCA](#) •



**MAY 2020** Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
Cancelled	Cancelled Snider	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
5/10/20 Mother's Day 8:15 10:45	Zimmerman	Bob Dorler C. Geddes	H. Mays	Bob Dorler C. Geddes
5/17/20 8:15 10:45	Edwards	Bob Dorler		Bob Dorler
5/24/20 Memorial Weekend one service 10:00		Bob Dorler		Bob Dorler
5/31/20 Pentecost 8:15 10:00	Zimmerman	Bob Dorler	H. Mays	Bob Dorler



**DID YOU KNOW...**

***this time of year Easter, is  
~white or gold~  
white = PURITY, LIGHT & JOY  
gold = JOY IN THE  
RESURRECTION***

- Acolyte:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Altar Guild:** D. Madurski  
**Counters:** Cindy Geddes/Barb Coughlin  
**Ushers:** Early: Hannah & Dave Mays **Late:** Bob Dorler  
**Soup Kitchen Items Needed:** Canned Vegetables  
**Soup Kitchen Delivery:** Stan Holsopple

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

**\*Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for June\***  
**JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
**MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**



**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Denise Arnold's Mom - Lucie Arndt; Anita Byrne's Mom – Mrs. Ellison; John & Tim Botwright, the Feiler & Lee families; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Pastor Huhn, Kyle Husted, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Diane McGranor, Phyllis Lindahl, Sharon Roemer, Pearl Young and all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, who are serving on the “front line” during the COVID-19 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).

## **Shut-In Ministry**

***No time in your busy life for much more?***

***How about just an occasional phone call or card?***

***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 or see our current 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.***

# FAITH

# IN

# ACTION

Thank you for  
sharing your  
Time &  
Talents

We are grateful for all the amazing efforts that take place behind the scenes here at Immanuel to support and guide our worship & praise and care for our church building and property while we are together or while we are apart. Most recently, during this pandemic, we have had several folks within our congregation holding phone meetings to continue the Council & Call Committee efforts, others step forward to run errands, count offerings, get groceries, make protective masks, create safe worship alternatives, maintain our landscaping and even send a card or make phone calls to check in and pray for each other as well as for the faith community at Immanuel.

We are very thankful that so many of you have been able to continue your regular financial support during this very challenging time we are living through together.

Thank you to all for answering God's Call and for sharing your time and talents here at Immanuel.

Please visit our Facebook page for worship materials, online worship service opportunities and watch your email inbox for resources too. We hope these are helpful to you during this time of being apart. We welcome your feedback.

**Our worship services and various group meetings have been canceled through May 8<sup>th</sup> due to the COVID-19 pandemic but our ministry continues. Please contact the church office if we can assist you in someway – 814-833-4062.**

**Sanctuary Candle & Altar  
Flowers**



***Celebrations***

***of Life and***

***Love***

**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.**

The 2020 Altar Flower and Sanctuary Candle Charts are posted in the narthex and we invite you to consider sponsoring as you are able once we return to our group worship. 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. We are thankful to Cathy's Flower Shoppe on Peninsula Dr. for holding these prices for us.

**May Birthdays**

May	2	Hannah Mays
	4	Lorraine Hornaman/Ray Kreger
	9	Diane Komisarski
	11	Diane McGranor/Chris Fetcko
	20	Colleen Hetrick Montgomery/Dennis Rohan
	21	Larry Nemenz/Karen Sturgeon
	22	Rick Kuntz
	23	Mary Hetrick/Jeff Benson
	28	Carole Rickrode
	29	Jessica Guthrie
	31	Heidi Hardy

Everyone enjoys receiving a card!

**May Anniversaries**

4	Mike & Kim Lee
18	Cindy & Larry Geddes
19	Debbie & Ron Madurski
29	Bob & Sharon Roemer

**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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### **Immanuel Hours**

Church Office – 833-4062

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

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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

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

### **Christian Education**

Council liaison: Cindy Eckman

**VBS plans in the works**

### **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

### **Finance**

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer

### **Property**

Council liaison: Bob Dorler    Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple

**SPRING CLEAN UP AND WEEDING – YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED**

*Property Committee is now meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. of the month-  
7pm – no meetings currently*

### **Stewardship**

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

### **Social Ministry Committee**

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair:

### **Worship & Music**

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant

**\*\*LOOKING FOR NEW COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS\*\***



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## **BIBLE VERSE QUIZ ANSWERS:**

- 1. Noah – built an ark and filled it with family and animals**
- 2. Adam & Eve – Do Not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.**
- 3. The Lord's Prayer**
- 4. He was swallowed by a whale for 3 days and 3 nights**
- 5. Mary & Joseph - - Jesus was born**

