

# *Immanuel Lutheran Church*

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**Any submissions for the October newsletter will need to be submitted to Brenda no later than September 23rd.**



## Grace & Peace : From the Pastor's Desk

**Pastor Karen will be on vacation September 9-16**

Grace and peace to you in the name of the one who brings you the promise of salvation! As we enter into September it is time for the church year to return to a full schedule of choir and Bible study. As we eased into our summer schedule last year in Bible study, we were delving deeply into the book of Hebrews using Michael J. Kruger's *Hebrews for You*. The book was about half finished when we stopped for the summer and we are going to complete it when we start again on September 19. Hebrews is such an interesting book, I thought it would be helpful to have a recap of our study for those of you who could not attend last spring and perhaps entice you to join us this fall, as well as a refresher for those of you who were in the study.

The book of Hebrews is written to Jewish converts who are considering leaving Christianity and going back to practicing the Jewish faith, however, it applies to each of us as we drift away from our faith, from what Christ has done for us, and we need a bit of a reminder of who we are called to be and who we are called to follow. Humans were to have dominion over the world and it was to be a good place but we aren't doing our job well. Adam and Eve listened to Satan, a fallen angel, and God's plan for the world was broken. Jesus is the human who can restore the glory and honor that God intended. As we know Jesus was fully human, and the only human who never sinned. Even though he was fully God he suffered as humans suffer which gives him understanding of what it is like to be human. We are saved from death because Jesus died in our place.

We are easily distracted from Jesus, but we are to fix our eyes on Jesus we are included in the family and the kingdom of God. Jesus is the bridge between us and God. As followers of Jesus we are God's house, built together into a dwelling place for God. That is why the connection to God's people is vital, because God dwells in our midst. Unbelief causes us to fall away from God. Hebrews warns us not to end up like the Israelites, standing outside the Promised Land. Jesus is the way to enter into it. However, we don't have to wait until heaven to have rest in Christian life, that when we believe the Spirit dwells within us and there is a form of rest now, so we are in a "already but not yet" state. In order to dwell in this rest we need faith, fear, and fight, which can be interpreted as making an effort to be active and intentional rather than violent.

God's word is living, active, powerful, trustworthy, and true! God's word is personal, powerful, and it is penetrating. One of the reasons we fall into disbelief are because we don't get what we expected even though we prayed for it. To counteract this we need to realize that God has a better understanding than what we have, and it will all work out for the good of God... God's ways are not our ways. Paying attention to what is happening in our "self-talk" is important to keeping in tune with the Word of God. We try to hide things from others and from ourselves, but we cannot hide from God. God has the power to heal the pain we try to hide.

Hebrews then moves into Jesus as the perfect priest. He has what the Old Testament priests never had... eternity as God's son and a life without sin, along with the willingness to represent directly to God those who love him. Jesus experienced human life, so he has sympathy and compassion for humanity. Jesus was humble, thinking of others before himself, always submitting to God's will. Jesus was tempted by Satan to disobey God (sin) but Jesus never did. Even when he knew the suffering he would face through crucifixion, Jesus obeyed. Through his suffering he became the perfect priest, and we are saved.

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The author of Hebrews then goes deeper into the subject of dropping away from the Christian faith after seeming to be a strong believer, warning people they need to grow in their Christian life, to not remain toddlers in the faith. I don't know about you, but the description of toddlers who don't listen, are forgetful, unskilled and undiscerning was an "ouch", and caused me to look closely at my Christian life. When we totally turn away from God, reject God's truth, and disbelieve the power of the Holy Spirit we are "lost". However, God is a God of forgiveness.

The author of Hebrews then moves into discussing with who is really saved... As Lutherans we don't believe in works righteousness (working our way into heaven), however we do good works as a response to what God has done for us.

The book then moves to the thought that Jesus is an anchor in the storms of life. The storms of life can be something that cause us to step away and doubt, but we are directed to hold fast to our faith, especially in the storms of life. On page 96 of the book *Hebrews for You* Kruger writes, "When the storms come, instead of looking around at our problems or inward at ourselves, we need to look forward to the day when we will be with Christ." I think that isn't the only thing we should look towards. I think we should look outside of ourselves at what God is doing, how Jesus is still at work through the hands and feet of those who follow him.

Our study in the spring ended with the author of Hebrews speaking of Melchizedek. Melchizedek is a figure in the Old Testament who is again named in Hebrews and as our author tells us, he was the King and Priest of Salem (which became Jerusalem). The only King to be Priest until Jesus. King of Salem – King of Peace – Jesus. Jesus is both king and priest, Jesus' priesthood was once and forever, Jesus' priesthood will last forever. Jesus' sacrifice was perfect and will last for eternity.

If I've enticed you to begin the study with us this month please let me know so I can get you a book. If you're taking part in the study we will begin September 19 with pages 109-125, chapter 7 of *Hebrews for You*. From the Bible read Hebrews chapter 8:13 through Heb. 9:14.

As always please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I'm in the office Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m., and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The number for the office is 814-814-833-4062. Or you can call my cell phone anytime 724-557-2386. Please leave a message if I am unable to answer and I will return your call.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Karen



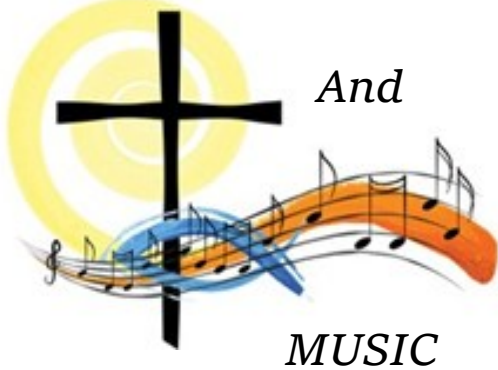
You can find Pastor Karen's  
latest sermons in print on  
our webpage here

<http://www.ilc-erie.org/worship-.html>

[and the video is posted to our](#)

[Facebook page](#)

WORSHIP



And

MUSIC

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**WORSHIP 9:30 AM**



***\*\*\*September 5th at  
7:15 pm there will be a  
choir meeting and  
rehearsal.\*\*\****

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



*The first Sunday of each month is coffee hour! Go to the lounge and grab a steaming cup of coffee and share some time and conversation with the other church members.*

*Pop on in after worship and say hi! We are looking forward to seeing you!*

***Join us for Choir  
Practice Thursday  
evenings at 7:15.  
We would love for  
you to join us!***





**July 28, 2024**

**Happy Retirement, Bryan Timm!!**

**You will surely be missed!! Good luck on all of the beautiful moments that are ahead of you! Thank you to everyone who helped Bryan celebrate!**



*Happy Retirement!*  
Look back with pride on  
all you've accomplished  
look forward with excitement to  
all the adventures ahead  
and just enjoy yourself —  
*You've earned it!*  
★ ★ ★ Wishing you ★ ★ ★  
all the life-is-good  
moments you deserve  
*Congratulations*



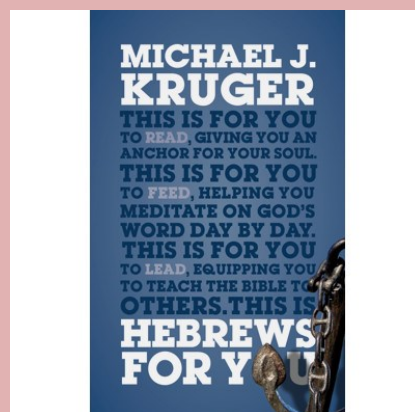
# Christian Education & More



*September 19th \*time to be  
Announced.\* Come join us for  
Bible Study!! EVERYONE is  
welcome!!*

Join Pastor Karen for Bible Study Thursday evenings. Keep an eye out in the Sunday bulletin for the time. Pastor Karen will continue to discuss the book, of Hebrews God gives us an anchor; a detailed understating of how and why Jesus is better than anything else.

Everyone is welcome!!



**September 3-8** Lutherlyn's Crafting Retreats provide time to work on projects while offering a lot of fun and fellowship with fellow crafters. You'll be provided with your own table/work space with access to electricity. Our Crafty Ladies have varied interests such as quilting, weaving, scrapbooking, knitting, jewelry making, painting, and many others. Some ladies come with friends and some arrive alone and make friends while crafting, but everyone shares a lot of laughs.

There is a special social hour on Saturday evening with a raffle basket drawing (every retreat participant will be entered), the popcorn machine will be in the lobby every afternoon, "show and tell" on Sunday morning, and other fun surprises.

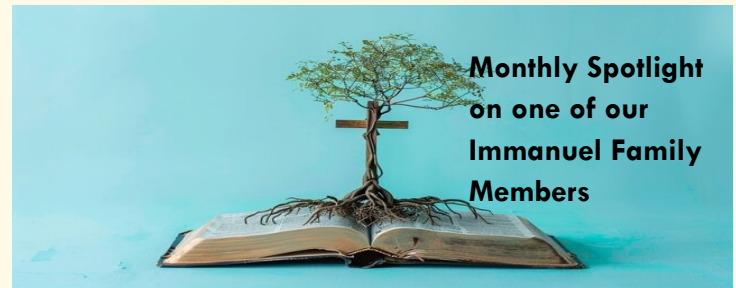
**September 7** Lutherlyn Saturday Safaris are a great way to spend some time learning about nature in the woods!

Safaris are \$10 per person for a 2.5 hour program. Children age 4 and under are free of charge. Each Safari program will begin at 9:30 am at the Environmental Education Center at Lutherlyn. (The Maple Sugaring session will also have an additional offering from 1 - 3:30 pm.)

Register online at [www.lutherlyn.campbrainregistration.com](http://www.lutherlyn.campbrainregistration.com).



# Rooted in Faith, Growing in Grace



I was fortunate to have been born into a God-fearing Christian family, baptized, Sunday-schooled and confirmed in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. Through all of my school years, my social activities and friendships revolved around mostly Christian-principled people. In the lated 1950's and early 60's most all families attended a local church.

I was blessed to have met and married my Christian wife, raised in a Roman Catholic environment. We have raised our two sons in a Christian atmosphere. They have also married Christian wives and have raised our grandchildren with Christian principles.

As I have grown in my faith, and will continue to grow, and as I continue to grow, knowing how much God has loved and blessed me. During my maturing, I have seen how much God's grace through His son, my Lord and Savior has guided and protected me through the good times and bad times. I know I cannot earn my salvation — it coms gifted to me through God's grace.

Robert Dorler





The cross that Jeanette Swanson donated to Immanuel Lutheran Church looks beautiful hung in its forever home. Thank you to Miss Jeanette for such a beautiful addition to our Lutheran home.





# 2024

Immanuel Lutheran would like to give a very heartfelt Thank You to everyone who donated to Erie Gives day 2024. With your help and support, Immanuel raised \$16,175 from 17 donations, plus Erie Gives Bonus Bucks. Your loving donation provides the resources to keep our stunning church the place of worship we all love.

Last year Immanuel Lutheran raised \$12,400 plus Erie Bonus Bucks.

The 2024 Erie Gives website has listed a preliminary and unofficial total of \$8,942,139 donated through 34,163 gifts. These donations were raised for 513 nonprofits this year. The official results will be announced on the Erie Gives website on September 17th.

So far this year Erie Gives has surpassed last years donations by \$672,777 and this is before the official count has been posted! This year the nonprofits has increased by 21 since last year's Erie Gives Days.

Last year's posted totals to Erie Gives was \$8,269,362 donated by 10,234 gifts to 492 nonprofits. The generosity of our community continues to grow.

If you donated and would like your donation designated to a specific fund here at Immanuel Lutheran (the Boiler Fund, Sunday School, Communion, etc.) please email or call the church office and Brenda will ensure that your donation is sent to the fund of your choice.

Once again, Thank You for your generous donations and your continued support of Immanuel Lutheran Church.



The decades following the American Civil War were a time of great change in the United States. In the second half of the 19th century, working conditions in railroads, mines, factories, and mills were some of the worst in American history. Poor ventilation, long hours, low pay, dangerous conditions, and child labor were just a few of the concerns of the working class.

A labor movement began as a result of poor working conditions at the time. It was the heyday of the Industrial Revolution, and it was not uncommon for employees to work over 80 hours a week on a regular basis. The five-day, 40-hour work week that most Americans experience today didn't become commonplace until the 1940s.

Labor unions started to become more popular as American workers demanded better conditions, higher pay, and fewer hours. Strikes and protests such as the 1886 Haymarket Riot in Chicago, which resulted in the death of seven policemen and four civilians, made it evident that something had to be done.

The Pullman Strike of 1894, so named for the Pullman Palace Car Company, was the first effort to receive the full attention of Congress and the President. The American Railway Union supported the protestors by refusing to transport Pullman railway cars. This had a huge impact on railway traffic, especially in and around Chicago, and caused shipping delays and lost revenue for businesses. Eventually, troops were deployed, violence erupted, and two men were killed.

In an effort to ameliorate tensions, President Grover Cleveland signed a law passed by Congress establishing Labor Day as a national holiday on June 28, 1894. By this time, many states already recognized the holiday. In fact, the first unofficial Labor Day parade took place in New York City on September 5, 1882. On this day an estimated 10,000 New Yorkers did not show up to work and instead marched from New York's City Hall to Union Square in protest of poor working conditions.

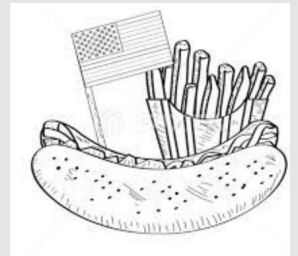
Some say that Peter J. McGuire, cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, came up with the idea for this working man's holiday. Others argue that it was Matthew Maguire, secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. No one is 100 percent sure which of these two labor leaders named McGuire actually founded Labor Day. When President Cleveland proposed the Labor Day bill in 1894, the date was chosen to deflect attention from May Day (May 1) activities rooted in the socialist movement, says [Britannica.com](https://www.britannica.com). However, the early September celebration was not without precedent. The first Labor Day parade held in 1882 in New York City also took place the first week of September (albeit a Tuesday). In 1884—a decade before Labor Day became a U.S. holiday—the national labor organization known as the Knights of Labor adopted a resolution designating the first Monday in September as Labor Day.



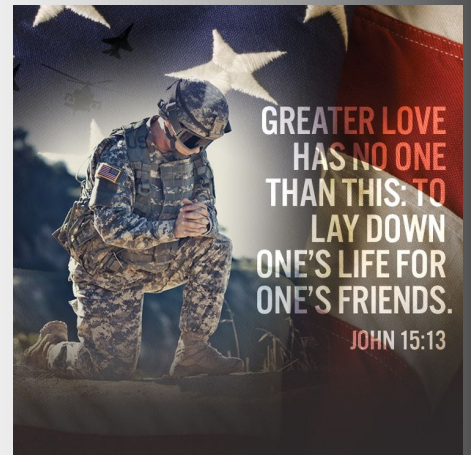
# 2024 ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

**Thank you to everyone who came out and shared in the fun! You all made this another successful fun time!!!! We are excited to plan for our next annual picnic!**





# Honoring Our Heroes



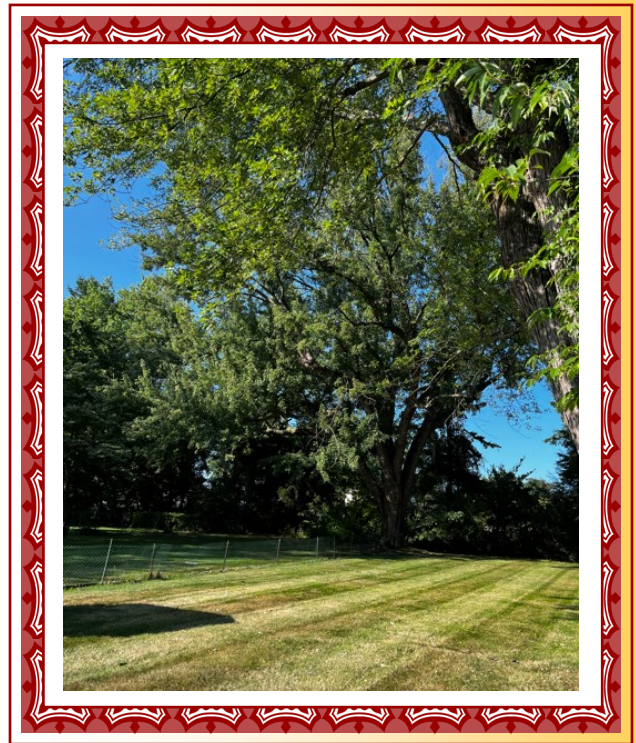
The day is a **poignant reminder of those whose sacrifice helped pave the way to freedom and protection of the American way of life.** Established through proclamation signed by President Jimmy Carter in 1979, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is commemorated across the nation on the third Friday in September.



Patriot Day on September 11th **honors the memory of the nearly 3,000 innocent victims who died in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.** Each year Americans dedicate this day to remembering those who died and the first responders who risked their own lives to save others.

# Property Committee Updates

On August 17th M & P Tree Service came out to do some tree trimming. The trees along the parking lot were trimmed. There was also a large tree at the Powell Street rental that needed some maintenance.



# Sensational Blackberry Pie

**PREP TIME** 20 mins **COOK TIME** 60 mins **FILLING REST TIME** 30 mins **TOTAL TIME** 110 mins

**SERVINGS** 8 servings

Ingredients

- 5 to 6 cups blackberries, rinsed, picked clean, patted dry (if you use frozen berries, defrost and drain them)
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1/2 teaspoon ground [cinnamon](#)
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 4 to 6 tablespoons cornstarch or flour
- 1 [pie dough recipe](#) for top and bottom crust



Place the blackberries, sugar, cornstarch (or flour or ground instant tapioca), lemon zest, lemon juice, cinnamon, and almond extract in a large bowl. Gently fold the berries until they are all well coated with sugar. Let sit for 30 minutes.

2. Preheat oven to 400°F. Place the rack in the middle of the oven.
3. Roll out the bottom crust and chill.

Roll out the top crust.

Roll out the second disk of pie dough for the top crust. You can keep the top crust as one solid disc or cut the dough into strips for a lattice crust.

Spoon the berry mixture into the dough-lined pie dish. For a lattice top, weave strips of pie dough over the top of the fruit-filled pie dish.

If you are using a solid top crust, score the top several times with a sharp knife to create air vents for the steam to escape.

Place the pie on the middle rack of the oven. Put a baking sheet on the lower rack to catch any juices that might bubble out of the pie while it's cooking.

Bake the pie in two stages. First bake it at 400°F for 30 minutes.

Then place a sheet of aluminum foil over the pie to protect the edges and tops from getting too burnt. (A pie protector is quite useful here.) **Reduce the heat to 350°F and bake for an additional 30 minutes**, or until the crust has browned and the filling is bubbly.

Remove from oven and place on a wire rack. Cool completely before serving.





# Pulpits Past and Future

**Who first preached from a pulpit, and where did they get the idea?**

**In the Old Testament, we can read that Solomon preached from “a brazen scaffold” in 2 Chronicles 6:13 and that Esdras stood on a wooden step to preach in Nehemiah 8:4. Jesus never seems to have used a pulpit.**

**In Europe during the Middle Ages, as early as 550 or 600 AD, preachers stood at a pulpit so they could be better understood. By the Renaissance, in the 1500s, pulpits had “sounding boards” — a structure sort of like the shell around the old fashioned bandstands you sometimes see in parks. Just as for the bandstand, the sounding board of the pulpit was intended to reflect the sound out toward the people.**

**Pulpits in the 1500s were often very fancy, and might be quite tall, with decorated steps. It was about this time that pulpits became so strongly associated with preaching. They were originally set near the choir, in the best place for the sound to reach the people, but after the Reformation, when preaching and interpreting God’s Word became the centerpiece of the church service, the pulpit became the literal center of the church sanctuary.**

**As time went on, pulpits became special church furniture used mostly for preaching. Many churches have a separate stand or lectern for the Bible, which the lay reader uses to read the scripture for the day. The sermon may be all that is presented from the pulpit, emphasizing its importance.**

**Now, a solid oak pulpit, beautifully finished to match the rest of the church furniture, still shows the importance of the sermon, and a separate lectern shows the importance of the scripture.**

# Little Free Pantry



Our pantry box at the church gets a LOT of use. Many times that I have driven past, the box is empty! It can be very challenging to keep the box stocked because there are so many people in need.

When was the last time that you looked in your cupboards and thought “I don’t even know why I bought that. What am I going to use it for?” or “I can’t believe I have so many of this food item in the cabinet?” We all know what it is like to have food on the shelf that just keeps getting pushed further and further to the back of the cabinet and probably won’t get used. Take a moment to clean out your cabinets and *donate those items today!!*

Second Harvest Food Bank accepts and hands out food that is up to 1 year past the use by date on the box or can. The food is still good as long as it is sealed.

Bread, cereal, canned meat, fish, canned soup and pasta are all items that people appreciate. If you don’t want to put them in the box out front, you can put them in the lounge and I will put them in the box for you. Every little bit helps someone who is in need. Let’s all come together to help someone who is hungry be able to go to sleep with a full stomach for a few nights. Those things that you won’t or can’t use someone else can and will. Please donate to someone who can use it.

Your donation won’t go unnoticed. God sees everything that you do to help others who are in need.

Thank you,  
Cindy Eckman





# Harvest Moon 2024

September 17th at

10:34 pm

What is a **Harvest Moon**? The full moon that appears in September is called the Harvest Moon. The most familiar named moon, September's Harvest Moon refers to the time of year after the autumn equinox when crops were gathered by Native Americans. Corn, pumpkins, squash, beans, and wild rice are the chief Native American staples that were ready for gathering. It also refers to the Harvest Moon's particularly bright appearance and early rise, which lets farmers continue harvesting into the night. Usually the full Moon rises an average of 50 minutes later each night, but for the few nights around the Harvest Moon, the Moon seems to rise at nearly the same time each night: just 25 to 30 minutes later across the U.S., and only 10 to 20 minutes later for much of Canada and Europe.

## Harvest Moon and Autumn Equinox

The Harvest Moon does not always occur in September. Traditionally, the name goes to the full moon closest to the autumn equinox, which falls during October once or twice a decade.

## Harvest Moon Name Variations

The Harvest Moon of September is sometimes referred to as the the **Corn Moon** or the **Barley Moon**.

## Green Corner NWPASynod Green Team



Did you know...

- ...since 1970, the **bird population in the U.S. has decreased by 30%**? *Science*: 19 Sept 2019, Vol. 366, Issue 6461, pp. 120-124 <https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.aaw1313>
- ...University of Delaware researchers have **found a way to use plastic trash**, including Styrofoam, to make parts for electronic instruments? UDaily July 18, 2024 [https://www.udel.edu/udaily/2024/july/plastic-upcycling-kayser-laure-chemistry-polystyrenepedotps/?utm\\_source=join1440&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_placement=newsletter](https://www.udel.edu/udaily/2024/july/plastic-upcycling-kayser-laure-chemistry-polystyrenepedotps/?utm_source=join1440&utm_medium=email&utm_placement=newsletter)
- ...US Dept of Agriculture researchers have observed **significant declines in the abundance of bees (62.5%) as well as butterflies (57.6%)** over 2007-2022, based on observations in three relatively undisturbed forested locations in the southeastern United States? <https://research.fs.usda.gov/treesearch/65930>
- ...the US Energy Information Agency reports (July 2023) that total **greenhouse gas emissions for the United States increased** by 15.4% from 1969-2021, and by 6.9% from 2019-2021? [https://www.eia.gov/environment/emissions/state/pdf/intro\\_key\\_concepts.pdf](https://www.eia.gov/environment/emissions/state/pdf/intro_key_concepts.pdf)
- ...a 2022 report from the National Waste and Recycling Association estimated that a 5-cent deposit on all beverage containers would **increase the amount of recycling of PET containers by 100%, of glass containers by 200%, and of aluminum containers by 50%**? <https://wasterecycling.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Impact-of-beverage-container-deposits-on-recycling-processing-costs-Final.pdf>
- ...in a January 2022 publication, researchers estimated the cost in 46 of the “least developed countries” to achieve “**full coverage**” for the populations of **water, sanitation, hygiene, and waste management services**? They reported the initial capital costs to range from \$0.24 to 0.40 per capita and the per capita annual operational costs to range from \$0.10 in 2021 to \$0.60 in 2030. *Lancet*: Vol. 10, No. 6, pp. 840-849. [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/issue/vol10no6/PIIS2214-109X\(22\)X0007-7](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/issue/vol10no6/PIIS2214-109X(22)X0007-7)
- ...the United States **airborne lead level** in 2021 was 12% of the level measured in 2010? <https://www.epa.gov/air-trends/lead-trends>
- ...the global mean sea level rose 3.7 inches during 1993-2023. Based on that data, it is expected to rise another 7.9 inches by 2050, as measured by a series of five satellites? <https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/nasa-analysis-sees-spike-in-2023-global-sea-level-due-to-el-nino>
- ...the pounds of solid waste generated per person in the U.S., 1960-2018, increased by 83%? <https://www.statista.com/statistics/186348/us-municipal-solid-waste-generated-per-person-since-1960/>

While the references cited appear to be reliable, unstudied/unreported factors could affect the findings.

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](mailto:nwpasynodgreenteam@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook: Northwestern PA Synod Green Team-Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

September 2024

**Please remember the members of Immanuel who are “shut in,” or having some health challenges and cannot make it to service, you may want to offer them a ride, give them a friendly call, send them a card. Maybe just stop to share a moment of your time.**

**The current Shut-In Mailing List is available in the office.**



**If you are sick or in the hospital, please notify the church office.**

**If you would like home communion or a copy of our newsletter, please contact the office.**



### **KEEP IN PRAYER:**

**Eric Adkins and family**

**Vince Belinski**

**Karen Byrd**

**Julia – Cindy Geddes' Niece**

**Janice Kreger**

**MaryAnn Long and Russ Long**

**Penney Maloney**

**The Botwright family**

**Connie Cooper**

**Jim and Lorraine Hornaman**

**Kyle Husted**

**Carol and Gordon Ketchel**

**Patrick Lewis–friend of Sandy Kocur,**

**Sandy's cousin - Scott Farr**

**Sandy's close friend's son-in-law, John**

**Bishop Michael Lozano**

**Andy Potaki**

**Carole Rickrode**

**Bob and Sharon Roemer**

**Alice Tillotson (Mary Hauser's sister)**

**All of our members & friends who are grieving;**

**Who are in nursing homes;**

**All who are ill at home**

**We pray for those in the military:**

**Christopher Peterson – Navy**

*Our thoughts  
and prayers  
are with you*

# Septembers' Celebrations of Life and Love



**Happy Birthday**

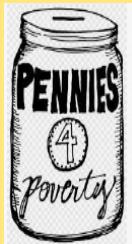
- 9/3 Kelly Hunter
- 9/5 Madison Penpek
- 9/11 Claudia Skerlong
- 9/11 Airi Suokas
- 9/13 Elizabeth Cool
- 9/13 Victoria Cool
- 9/15 Summer Feiler
- 9/15 Nicholas McCracken
- 9/15 Thomas Stewart
- 9/23 Patrick Harmle
- 9/27 Beth Griffin
- 9/28 Denise Arnold
- 9/28 Steven Saylor
- 9/29 Susan Pfeiffer



*happy anniversary!*

- 9/4 Barbara & Walter Coughlin
- 9/22 Michael & Brittany Redditt

Capital Campaign - Boiler: Funds for the boiler campaign currently show \$29,678.19 toward our goal of \$58,803



Pennies for Poverty collection is an ongoing effort in support of the Women of the ELCA – donations welcome in the Donation Center canister.



**LITTLE FREE PANTRY AT IMMANUEL**

**IF IN NEED – TAKE SOMETHING**

**IF YOU CAN SHARE - LEAVE SOMETHING**

**Feel free to bring items to church office & we will make sure they get in the pantry for you.**

# Upcoming EVENTS



Since 1937, September marks the time of year when members of our community and friends come together to celebrate the successes of the previous year. Through lean and bountiful years this annual tradition has, without fail, commemorated the efforts and hard work of our local agricultural community. From our humble beginnings 80 years ago, the Waterford Community Fair continues to thrive and offers something for everyone, of every age, on everyday, always beginning on Labor Day. **Sept. 2—7th**

**SEPTEMBER 13th • 14th • 15th 2024**

**CELEBRATE AN IRISH WEEKEND IN ERIE, PA!**

We look forward to celebrating **IRISH IN ERIE!** Event is FREE & Parking is available around the neighborhood.



Join us in downtown Erie right in front of Saint Patrick Church located on East 4th Street between French & Holland featuring your favorite **IRISH FESTIVAL** around!



**September 15th Noon—5 pm**

**221 Waterford Street, Edinboro**

**Goodell Gardens Homegrown Harvest Fest**

Free Admission! More than 50 vendors! Raffle Auction, Live Music, Lots of Kids Activities, Food Trucks, Handmade Art and LOCAL Farm Products.

**September 28th**

**Our West Bayfront PorchFest is back in 2024!**

Featuring local musicians hosted by West Bayfront neighbors on their beautiful porches scattered through the neighborhoods, PorchFest is a family-friendly, fun-filled day of music!



Plus, stop by Gridley Park throughout the day to grab some food and drinks from local restaurants and breweries!



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09/01/2024 9:30 AM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Bob Dorler
09/08/2024 9:30 AM	Kostur	Cindy Geddes	Cindy Geddes
09/15/2024 9:30AM	Allie Leitzel		Debbie Madurski
09/22/2024 9:30 AM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Bob Dorler
09/29/2024 9:30 AM	Kostur	Stan Holsopple	Bob Dorler



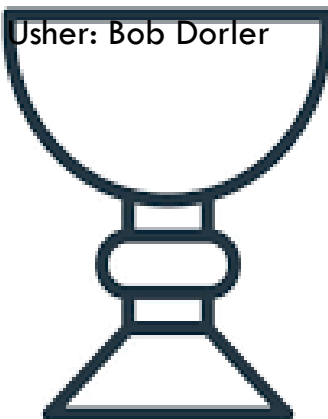
**If you would like to volunteer to Lector, please email or call the church office.**

**Lectors:**

**Remember to adjust microphone towards you & speak into it for all to hear!**

Altar Guild: Debbie Madurski

Counters: Cindy Geddes & Barbara Coughlin



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





# 2024

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Worship 9:30 am	<b>Labor Day</b>	AA Mtg 7:30 pm	Tops 9:30 am AA Mtg 7:30 pm	Choir meeting/ rehearsal 7:15 pm	AA 7 pm	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Worship 9:30 am Sunday School Quarter Sunday Coffee Hour	Quilters 9:30 am Flagship City Chorus 7 pm *Pastor Karen Vacation*	AA Mtg 7:30 pm *Pastor Karen Vacation*	Tops 9:30 am AA Mtg 7:30 pm *Pastor Karen Vacation*	Choir 7:15 pm *Pastor Karen Vacation*	AA 7 pm *Pastor Karen Vacation*	*Pastor Karen Vacation*
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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## Immanuel

Church Office

814-833-4062

Office Hours

8:30—12:30

Monday—Thursday

### Staff

Pastor Karen Kostur 814-833-4062

or Emergency #: 724-557-2386

Pastor's Office Hours – Tuesday 1:00-2:00

Thursday, 9:00am-2:00pm

Church Caretaker: Wally Coughlin

Organist/Music Director: Allan Slovenkay

Admin. Ofc.: Brenda Matson

### Sunday School

Coord: Anita Byrne & Janice Kreger

Teachers: Anita Byrne & Pastor Kostur

### 2024 Congregation & Church Council Officers

Pres: Bob Dorler 814-833-2719

VP: Rick Kuntz 814-572-3719

Sec.: Mary Hauser 814-397-7552

Fin. Sec.:C. Geddes 814-734-1286



2024 Council Members

## 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



### Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin

**COFFEE HOUR 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

**ONGOING COLLECTION FOR LITTLE FREE PANTRY**

### Finance

Council liaison: Vacant

**ANNUAL Budget**

### Property

Council liaison: Bob Dorler & Rick Kuntz

Committee Chair: Debbie Redditt

Committee: Rick Durst

### **FACILITY MAINTENANCE**

**RENTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

**ONGOING BOILER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

### Stewardship

Council liaison: Dave Mays

### Social Ministry Committee

Committee chair: Debbie Madurski

### Worship & Music

Council liaison: Joe Byrne Chair: Sue Pfeiffer

### Christian Education

Council liaison: Mary Hauser