

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2019

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**SUMMER HOURS:** 8:15 a.m.-Spoken service and 10:00 a.m. Traditional service – hope you can join us!

**SAVE THE DATE: RALLY DAY/QUILT BLESSING/SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER INSTALLATION/SCHOOL SUPPLY BLESSING FOR GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY– SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

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## **Christian Education**



### **Sunday School Newsletter – August 2019**

Now that it is the third week of July, I finally feel like the 2018-2019 Sunday School year is over. VBS (July 14-18<sup>th</sup>) was a spectacular way to finish. Thank you to everyone who donated snack items. It is a big, big help to have those items in advance and ready to use. Anita Byrne, Debbie Madurski, Isaiah Guthrie and I spent the five days working in sauna weather. We had 33 sweaty young people, happy and eager to work through the program. They rotated between stations – crafts, science, Bible stories, recreation and snacks. The last day ended with a very welcome visit from an ice cream truck! All the planning meetings since January and the countless hours of work from the director (Pam Anthony – Sunday School Director from Lakewood) made the week go by fast and flawless. As hot as it was the children were amazing. Running, jumping, dancing, laughing, singing and constantly talking for 2-1/2 hours each night, made them want more. When asked if it could go on for five more days, I politely said NO and gave the red-faced little girl a hug and she thanked me! What a moment. Makes you feel like you are where you were meant to be. What a blessing.

Our Rally Day celebration will be on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Leubin-McCray Hall. Enjoy the rest of your Summer. Thanks for reading.

Sunday School Superintendent  
Carolyn Kuntz

### **Immanuel Nursery**

We have had a recent inquiry regarding once again providing care in our nursery for children whose families are attending our church services.

Council has asked me to reach out to you to see if there are folks who would be interested in supporting this effort.

The church service can be heard in the nursery through the speaker.

If you are interested, please pop me an email ([immluthch@verizon.net](mailto:immluthch@verizon.net)) or call me in the church office (833-4062).

More details will need to be worked out, but we first want to investigate whether there are folks who are interested in working in the nursery.

~Lori





## **Property**

We have formalized a new policy on borrowing items from the church so we are sharing that here with you.

### **POLICY ON BORROWING EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY IMMANUEL MEMBERS:**

Members of Immanuel may borrow tables, chairs, etc. from Immanuel Lutheran Church for personal use with the following provisions. We ask that you please contact the church office at least 48 hrs. in advance to reserve items and schedule pick-up & return.

**Can you spare some time?**

1. All items must be signed out & returned through the church office.
2. All items need to be returned within a few days after usage.
3. Items must be returned clean.

**Can you lend a hand?**

4. Items must be returned in the same condition when borrowed or they need to be replaced by the borrower immediately. The Property Committee will have authority regarding condition issues.

We suggest table cloths or protective covering on tables.

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

Adopted council meeting July 14, 2019





**Cooperative Ministry Team and Council Update**  
**Co-op Team: Bob Dorler & Debbie Redditt**  
**Advisor: Pastor Beth Siefert**

**July 29, 2019 – Meeting highlights**  
**Cooperative Ministry Update to Immanuel Members**

*Greetings of Peace to all,*

*The Cooperative Ministry Team and the Council are sharing this update with the Immanuel congregation to keep you informed of the efforts made thus far since our 6/24 meeting and to share the plans for the next steps. These next steps involve negotiating the details of a formal written agreement that will enable us to move forward with the Coop. Ministry model here at Immanuel. We are, of course, extremely thankful for your prayers and your support and we are aware of the extra time commitment that these efforts have required for those called to serve in these negotiations.*

*We want our members to know that in the recent discussions with the team members and the Bishop, the Bishop proposed a tentative agreement for all the churches to consider and sign. That agreement spurred numerous concerns for not only the Immanuel team members and in turn the Immanuel Council, but some of the other team members as well. Some of our specific concerns involve the 34% increased financial commitment proposed as well as the calculations used to establish Immanuel's revised financial portion of the cooperative. In addition, we are also continuing to work out scheduling details for vacation coverage (four weeks each for Pastor Thompson and Deaconess Guthrie), and Summer service timing. Finally, we are working on establishing the correct wording and timeline for ending the proposed three year commitment, if it is deemed necessary. All of these areas of the proposed tentative agreement drafted by the Bishop are somewhat different than those proposed to you at our Special Congregational Meeting and therefore warrant further discussion and negotiation prior to proceeding.*

*Immanuel members voted to support this ministry effort at our Special Congregational Meeting held on 6/23 based on the information available to us at the time. The details to establish the structure that accommodates this ministry model are taking time and as such we will not be able to begin, as anticipated, on 9/8.*

*Moving forward Pastor Thompson and Deaconess Guthrie will be presiding at both services on August 18th as planned so you will have the opportunity to become more familiar with them and their ministry style. Our next Coop. Ministry Team meeting is scheduled for August 26th. We will continue to schedule presiders, as we have been doing, through September and possibly into October and we will not change our early service schedule until further notice.*

*We realize that this delay is not what we anticipated but you entrusted us with representing Immanuel in these Cooperative Ministry efforts and we are honoring that trust by delaying implementation to work out the details that are in question.*

*You may direct any comments or concerns to Council President, Debbie Redditt at [debbieredditt@gmail.com](mailto:debbieredditt@gmail.com) or 814.449.1855.*

**Cooperative Ministry Fellowship**  
**Creekside Service and Picnic – July 21, 2019....**  
**and a great time was had by all!!**

We enjoyed a wonderful gathering for worship led by Deaconess Nancy Guthrie followed by a picnic at the Grettler Farm on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. I thought I'd share some pictures with those of you who were unable to attend. We met some wonderful folks and the people from St. James who coordinated this beautiful gathering have indicated they will keep us informed as they plan for a Fall get together.

We were able to hear an eagle's call during worship, watch the kids play in the creek, and even had a few "peepers" attending service with us in the lovely covered picnic shelter. We had approx. 9 members from Immanuel in attendance and about 30 total that day.

~Lori





## AUGUST 2019 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
8/4/19 8:15 10:00	Zimmerman	Bob Dorler	Hannah Mays	Cindy Eckman
		Stan Holsopple	Char Feiler	Debbie Madurski
8/11/19 8:15 10:00	Edwards	Bob Dorler		Bob Dorler
		Char Feiler		Char Feiler
8/18/19 8:15 10:00	Thompson/ Guthrie	Thompson/ Guthrie		_____
				Michael Patterson
8/25/19 8:15 10:00	Zimmerman	Bob Dorler	_____	Bob Dorler
		Cindy Geddes	Char Feiler	Ann Anderson

***DID YOU KNOW***  
***the Liturgical color for this***  
***time of year –***  
***after Pentecost***  
***~green = OUR TIME OF***  
***GROWTH IN CHRIST***

**Altar Guild:** S.Pfeiffer/S.Leubin/P.Maloney **Counters:** S.Holsopple/D.Arnold  
**Ushers:** Early: Hannah & David Mays **Late:** T. Stewart/R. Hetrick  
**Soup Kitchen Items Needed:** Snack Cakes  
**Soup Kitchen Delivery:** Stan Holsopple  
**\*Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for August and September\***

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***Worship participants please note:***

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

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**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**  
**DEADLINE: AUGUST 18**

**A big THANK YOU to David Mays who has been scheduling volunteers to serve as Assistants, Lay Distributors and Lectors for the early service. David has decided to retire from this ministry effort so if you will make sure to sign up as you are able on the bulletin board. Your help is always appreciated.**





**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Lucie Arndt, Taylor B., Tim Botwright, Wally Coughlin's sister, Bob Dorler's sister, Pat; Bob Hauser, Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Pastor Huhn, Kyle Husted, Carol Ketchel, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Pastor & Sue Laber, Diane McGranor, Michael, David Olson & his grandson Andy Morneweck, Leo Reeves, Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, Ed Whitbred and all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, or ill at home. We also pray for our Co-op Ministry Team & Council and St. John's and St. James who are forming a new cooperative ministry.

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 & "Shel" 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



## God's Work, Our Hands

This year for this very special Sunday, **September 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will be celebrating Sunday School Rally Day and the Blessing of the School Supplies collected; Sunday School Teacher Installation; and our Annual Quilt Blessing before sending them to Lutheran World Relief. Pastor Edwards will be with us.

We hope you are able to help us this year as we begin our collection of 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)

Thank you for  
sharing your  
Time &  
Talents

Place them in the Donation Center box  
marked

**God's Work, Our Hands**



**Many thanks to those  
who donated baby  
items for the Women's  
Care Center.**

**We collected over 40  
items including  
diapers, wipes, lotions,  
shampoos, and rattles.**

**Thank you for your  
generosity.**

**Social Ministry  
Committee**

## **WHAT IT IS**

Our Stepping Stones - Learn to Earn Program is an education-based system of earning the things young parents need for their baby while helping them gain knowledge, skills and tools for a healthier life. This program is intended for both individuals and couples.

## **HOW IT WORKS**

Parents will earn "Credits" by keeping appointments with a staff member who takes them through a short lesson. The lessons are taught using a series of videos that cover many important topics. Participants may cash in earned credits immediately after completing the lesson, or save them up towards a larger item.



## **Donation Suggestions**

- Gift Cards (\$5 and up)
- Pack'n'plays
- High Chairs
- Travel Systems
- Blankets
- Bouncers
- Boppy Pillows
- Baby Slings
- Hooded Bath Towels
- By Your Side Sleepers
- Diapers & Wipes
- Baby Shampoo, Body Wash, Lotion
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Baby Bathtubs
- Teething Rings



If you would like to organize a Baby Shower for the Women's Care Center clients, a staff member will be happy to attend your event to talk about the Center and answer any questions!

Questions? Contact Laura Craciun at 814.868.4050  
or email [lcraciun@wccerie.org](mailto:lcraciun@wccerie.org)

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## 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 2019 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.

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

### August Birthdays

August 4	Jennifer Kuntz
5	Craig Casler
6	Kim Lee
11	Barb Nelson
15	Trista Paternosh
16	Janice Kreger
19	Glenn McGranor (passed in Feb.)
21	Mia Penpek
24	Mabry Szima
29	Richard Feiler/Jonathan Redditt
30	Anita Byrne
31	Pearl Young

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

### August Anniversaries

August 1	Donna & Bob Dorler
13	Maria & John Siefert
18	Hannah & David Mays

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

### **Staff**

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 – 490-2464  
Secretary – Debbie Madurski – 774-3590

### **Council Members**

Cindy Eckman, Char Feiler, George Pfeiffer,  
Hannah Mays, 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

***Rally Day: 9/8/19***

#### **Communications**

Council liaison: vacant    Committee Chair: vacant

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

#### **Fellowship, Outreach & Growth**

Council liaisons: David & Hannah Mays

#### **Finance**

Council liaison: Gretchen Andrews

#### **Property**

Council liaison: Bob Dorler    Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple

#### ***NO MEETING IN AUGUST***

*Property Committee usually meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of the month-7pm*

#### **Stewardship**

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

#### **Social Ministry Committee**

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair:  
*School Supplies Collection support*

#### **Worship & Music**

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant  
*Ringers & Singers – practice is right around the corner.....we'd love to have you join us.*






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# August 2019



## Greetings of Peace

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NO COUNCIL  MTG AND NO PROPERTY MTG  THIS MONTH				1	2  7:30 PM Friday AA	3
4 Services: 8:15 &10:00 Quarter Sunday	5 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus	6  AA 7:30 PM	7  TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	8	9 7:30 PM Friday AA	10
11 Services: 8:15 &10:00 NO COUNCIL MTG.	12 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7 pm Flagship City Chorus	13 AA 7:30 PM	14 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	15	16 7:30 PM Friday AA	17
18 Services: 8:15 &10:00 SEPT. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus	20 NO PROPERTY COMMITTEE MTG 7  AA 7:30 PM	21 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	22	23 7:30 PM Friday AA	24
25 Services: 8:15 &10:00	26 CO-OP MINISTRY MTG. QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus COOP. MINISTRY TEAM MTG	27 AA 7:30 PM	28 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	29	30 7:30 PM Friday AA	31
						

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