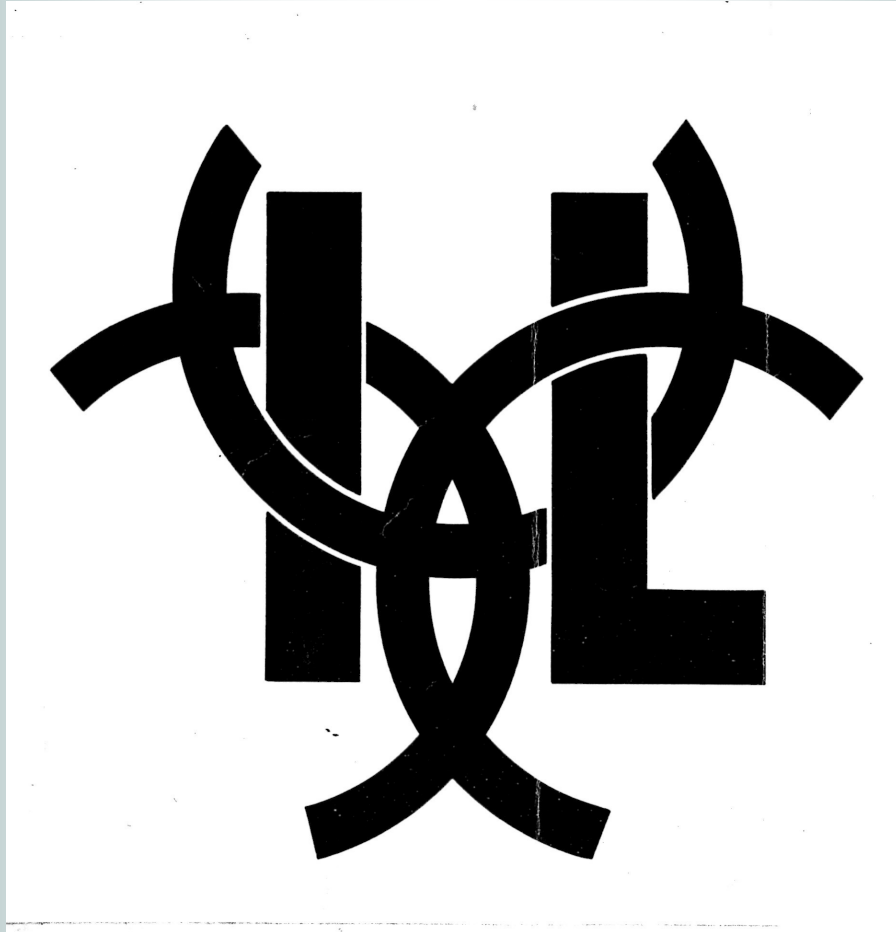


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November 2024 Newsletter



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Grace & Peace : From the Pastor's Desk



November, the month we have set aside for giving thanks. What a wonderful time of the year to do this. We have been surrounded by glorious leaves and the harvest has come in (which was very important when I served the rural churches of Pennsylvania). It's time to slow down from the busy summer season, take a breath, and give thanks. It's time to prepare for the upcoming winter.

The apostle Paul tells us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). I believe we need to hear this verse to put Thanksgiving Day into perspective. It is my belief that Paul is telling us to give thanks for what we have been given before we ask God for more; that when we go to God in prayer we should begin with acknowledging what we have been given.

So what are you thankful for? Being surrounded by a loving church family. Having food on the table, gas in the tank, heat in the house? Knowing that God is in control no matter what happens? Enjoying a loving relationship with Jesus Christ who put our needs ahead of his own? There are some people who wouldn't think a second time about all that has been provided for them, they only look at the negatives and complain. There are people who are so concerned about the way things are done that they give no grace to other people and are not thankful for anything because of their critical nature. If you recognize yourself as one of these persons consider keeping a gratitude journal.

A gratitude journal is a tool that can help lift a person out of depression, and it is a way of recording everything good that happens in your life. It isn't a difficult thing to do. Just find a notebook, a spiral notebook is inexpensive and works just fine. Every day before you go to bed take a minute and write down the date and three things you are grateful for that day. It could be something as small as sunshine or as big as going out to see friends, or whatever else you feel grateful for that day. I challenge you to begin one on November 1 and keep making daily entries until the day before Thanksgiving which would be Nov. 27, then review it on Thanksgiving Day to truly count your blessings. It would be great to hear from you if you decide to do this, I'd like to know how your life was impacted by this challenge.

Also, I'd like to invite you to join our Advent Study, *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*, written by Will Willimon. We will get together Thursdays at 11 beginning November 21. If there is interest in a Sunday morning group study I will also have one at 10:40 beginning November 24, having a snack and coffee with the study on Dec. 1, skipping Dec. 10 (due to Church Council meeting), and finishing up on Dec 22. Please let me know if you plan on attending one or the other studies, (I have the books for you, and I want to be sure I have enough).

As always I'd like to hear from you if you have any questions on this article, on anything else, or would just like to talk. My cell is 724-557-2386, please leave a message if I don't answer. The church # is 814-833-4062. I'm in the office Tuesday afternoons from 1-3 p.m., and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Karen

ATTENTION ALL LUTHERAN BEER DRINKERS

Wednesday November 13th:

Six Pack House of Beer
[847 Pittsburgh Ave.](#)

Thursday November 21st

Erie Ale Works
[416 West 12th St.](#)

These two venues are hosting a special peanut butter bock beer from Allegheny Brewing to help raise funds for the Holy Trinity Soup/Pasta Kitchen.

There will be a special gift basket that you will have the chance to win. When you stop in to have beer, bring some socks, clothing items or canned goods to be entered in the drawing for the gift basket.

Keg kick-off 5– 7 pm

\$1 per pint

Proceeds from this keg will be \$300. Six Pack House, and Allegheny Brewing are matching this.

Hosting “BENEVOLENT BEERS” event to benefit the Holy Trinity Soup/Pasta Kitchen. Jeff and crew did this last year for us, and contributed over \$300, from the one night event.

HOPE TO SEE AS MANY FRIENDS AS POSSIBLE!!!

Roland D. (Ron) King
Pastoral Assistant
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



Worship & Music in the News.....



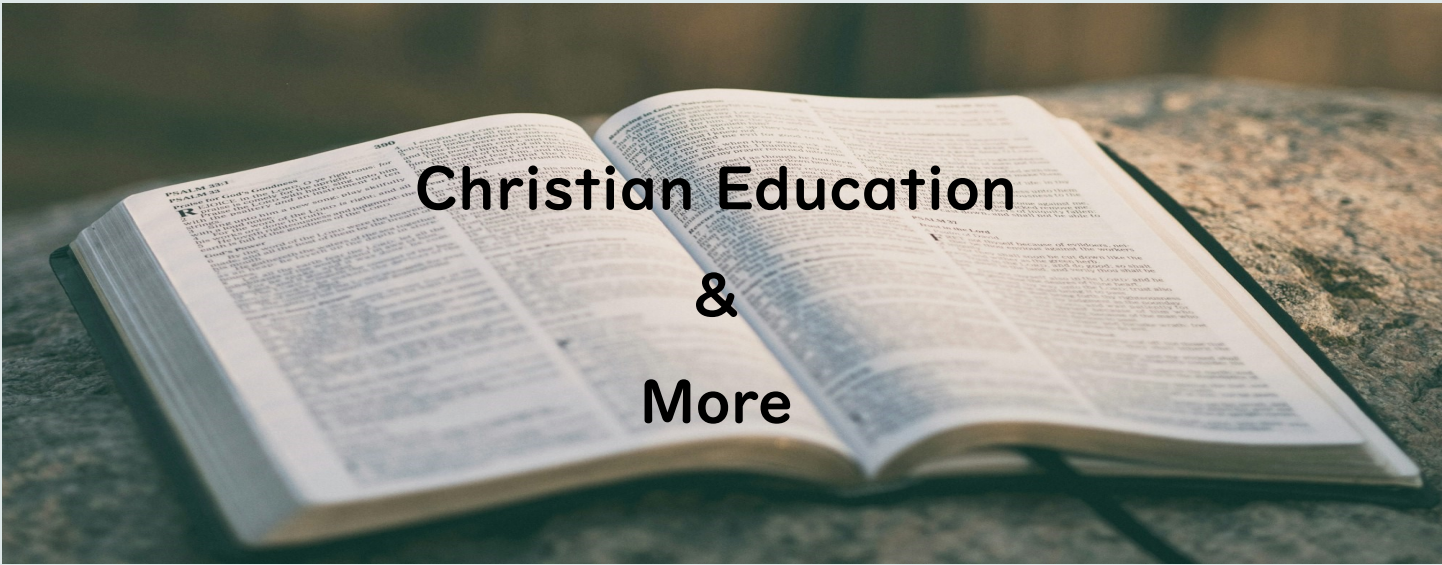
STEWARDSHIP OF FRIENDS SUNDAY, November 24, 2024

This year for a stewardship campaign instead of asking you for money we are asking you to bring a friend to church on November 24, 2024. I know you think that your friends have their own church, but most people have at least one friend who doesn't attend church. So, for Nov. 24 ask that friend. Don't take no for an answer. Plan to pick them up at their house and bring them to church. One person (that means if you are a couple, you will bring two people who don't necessarily need to be related to each other). It will be great to have a full church on November 24!



Quarter Sunday
Bring in your
Quarters the first
Sunday of the
month for
Quarter Sunday!!!






**Christian Education
&
More**

Bible Class for Children


Children (ages 4-8 years) are invited to a one hour Saturday bible class at Immanuel, beginning September 28. Children experience Old and New Testament bible stories by participating in crafts, songs, music videos, story discussions and re-enactments, and games. The curriculum is called "Simply Loved" from Group Publishing. Parents are invited and encouraged to participate with the children. Anyone who is interested should call Brenda Durst (814-873-0451).

Join us for Advent Bible Study as we study Heaven and Earth by Will Williamson.



The Thursday before Thanksgiving will begin the morning Advent Bible Study. November 21st at 11 am. Beginning on December 1st after worship there will be a Sunday Advent Bible Study.

PLEASE JOIN US!




The Social Ministry hosted a fund-raiser for the Coats for Kids Campaign for Inter-Church Ministries.

\$275 was collected to purchase coats with. Immanuel Lutheran Church donated 25 coats to this wonderful cause to help keep our children warm.

Thank you to everyone who donated money and coats to help provide to a child in need.

A special thank you to our shoppers and deliverers: Judy and Tom Stewart, Penny Maloney and Brenda Durst.

As always, your generosity and your kindness is greatly appreciated.



In mid-November we will begin our collection of winter hats, mittens, gloves and scarfs for Bethesda.

You will find a tree in the narthex and in the lounge to put your donations.

When a date is determined, it will be posted in the bulletins.

As always, your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated.





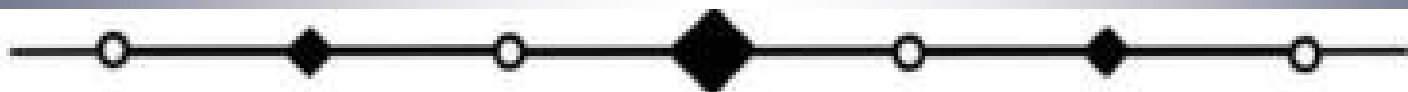
Bob Dorler wanted to get some information out to those who presented him with questions about the Erie Gives 2024.

Immanuel Lutheran Church received a check in the amount of:

\$17,170.67

Bonus Bucks of \$995.67 which was 5.8%

Immanuel paid \$150 to join the Erie Community Foundation



West Millcreek Food Pantry

3642 W. 26th Street

This time of year it is difficult for the food pantries to stay stocked to provide nourishment for those in need.

When they called about our Thanksgiving collection of canned sweet potatoes, they wanted to let us know that there is a desperate need for canned fruit.

Also, don't forget when donating to food banks, pets are also in need of food.

Mark your calendars for these important November 2024 dates



***Daylight Savings time ends at 2 am
on Sunday, November 3. Don't
forget to turn your clocks back an
hour.***



***Don't forget to get out there and vote
on Tuesday, November 5th. Your vote
matters!!!***



***Thank you to all of our
Veterans! Give thanks to a
Veteran on November 11th.***



***Take a moment to bow your
head and thank the Lord for
all your blessings.
Thanksgiving, Thursday,
November 28th.***

**Monday, November 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
at Faith Lutheran Church, 5414 E. Lake Road**

A Proper Seat for Emmanuel:

Personal Reflections on the History and Meaning of the Christmas Crèche



Michael E. DeSanctis, Ph.D.

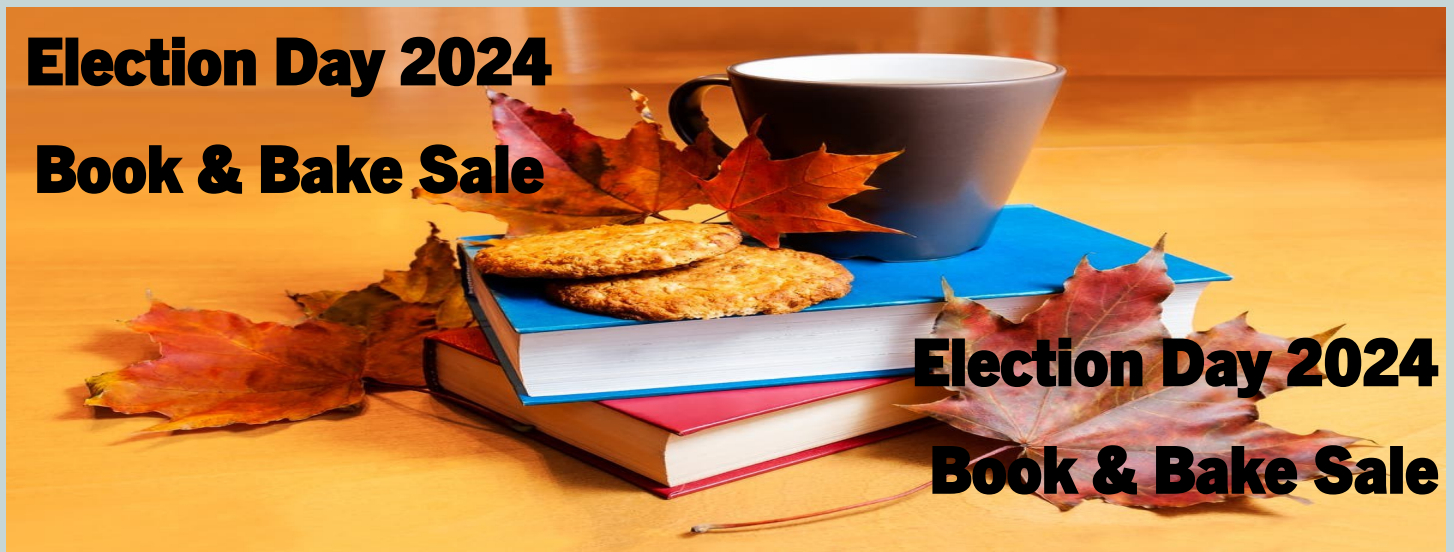
Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts & Theology, Gannon University

Scholar In Residence, Jefferson Educational Society · Erie, Pennsylvania

This lavishly illustrated presentation will examine the crèche-building activities of Dr. Michael E. DeSanctis, Professor Emeritus at Gannon and Scholar in Residence at the Jefferson Society. The presentation will address the central role played by St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) in the development of Nativity scenes of the sort that have become fixtures within Christian churches and households during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. It will also describe how Dr. DeSanctis has adapted such scenes to the needs of modern audiences to share the message of Christ's birth.

Light refreshments following. All are welcome!

Election Day 2024 Book & Bake Sale



Election Day 2024 Book & Bake Sale



Election Day Book & Bake Sale 7 am—7 pm

The annual Election Day Book and Bake Sale will be held on

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Donations of books are currently being accepted. Donations of baked goods may be dropped off Monday, November 4th between 8:30—12:30. Please be sure to price your baked goods.

Winter is upon us! What better way to prepare for those cold, snowy days than to pick up a few books to curl up and read while you beat the winter blues!

Who couldn't use a few new reads and some DELICIOUS baked goodies?

Stop on in, cast your vote and grab something to bring a smile to your face! Looking forward to seeing everyone on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th.





HOLY TRINITY THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER



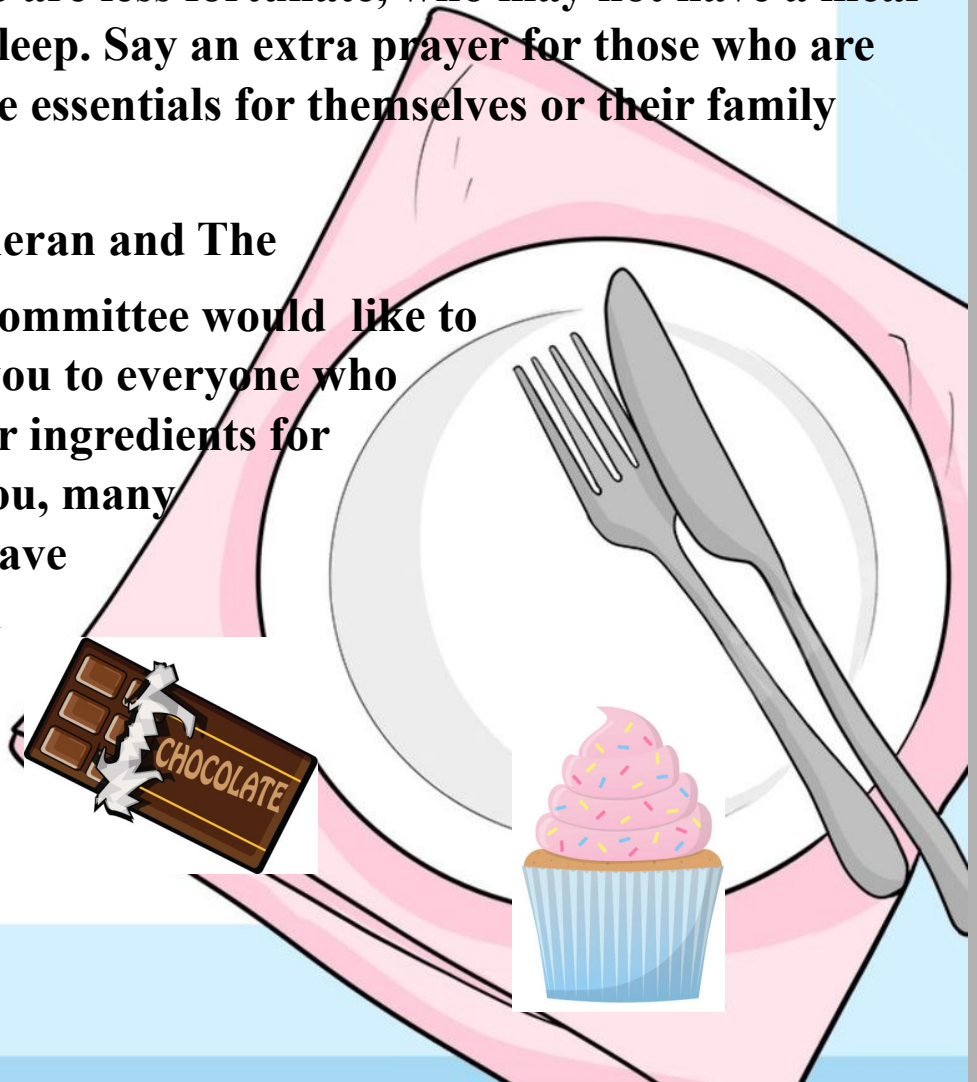
Twelve Lutheran Churches in Erie take turns hosting a Thursday night dinner at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for those folks in need of a nutritious meal.

October 24th, Immanuel's volunteers put together a meal of sloppy joes, pasta salad, applesauce, cupcakes and capri sun drinks. Halloween candy was provided to those attending the meal for an extra sweet treat.

This time of year we should be extra thankful to God for all of our blessings. We should also take a few extra minutes to remember those who are less fortunate, who may not have a meal or a warm place to sleep. Say an extra prayer for those who are unable to provide the essentials for themselves or their family members.

Immanuel Lutheran and The Social Ministries Committee would like to give a warm thank you to everyone who donated their time or ingredients for the meal. Without you, many families would not have had a warm meal on this night.

Thank You!!!!



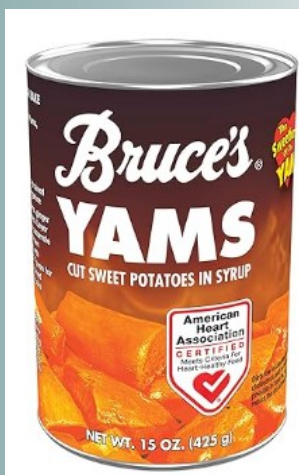


West Millcreek Thanksgiving Food Drive

Each year Immanuel partners up with the West Millcreek Food Pantry to put together Thanksgiving meals for local families in need. The Food Pantry relies on the donations of local churches and businesses to make this possible.

This year Immanuel Lutheran will be supporting the West Millcreek Food Pantry's Food Drive by providing cans of sweet potatoes. The Food Pantry is looking for 75 cans of sweet potatoes to provide for the families in need who will be partaking in this Thanksgiving meal.

The collection will be through **November 18th**. There is a collection box near the Donation Station. Be sure to get your donation in by **November 18th**.



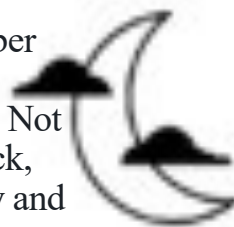
A Blessing of the Quilts was held on October 6th. The ladies Close Enough Quilting Group completed 141 quilts with some being presented as gifts and some sold for proceeds going to shipping costs and supplies. Many of the quilts and 11 fabric kits are being donated to the Lutheran World Relief.

With the devastation of the hurricanes in the United States, at least 10 semi-loads of quilts and personal kits were being delivered to those in dire need in the southern states. More quilts and kits are at the ready if they are needed.

Thank you to Close Enough Quilting Group who put a lot of love, time and effort into making these beautiful quilts.



The 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat in Immanuel's parking lot was held on October 19th with hundreds of kids and family members attending. This year Immanuel partnered with Agresti Realtors who provided an awesome event. Not only were there creative decorative trunks, but the event included a food truck, free apple cider and sour apple slushies, free glitter tattoos, visits from Bluey and the Hocus Pocus three sisters and the Agresti Blue House.



Participants were given ballots to vote for the best decorated Trunk or Treat to win a gift card. Winners included: First Place-"Don't step on the Lava Rock" to get your treat, Second Place- "Harry Potter" theme and Third Place-"Spooky-Smokey canopy."

A big thank you to Stan, Mary, Debbie, Bill and Bob for representing Immanuel.



2024
Trunk or Treat





**2024
Trunk or Treat**



Rooted in Faith, Growing in Grace



The Life and Times of Joseph E. Byrne

My faith goes back many years and some of the facts may surprise you! I can recall that from a very early age, I could barely contain my excitement for Vacation Bible School. I believed I had a crush on my teacher. She was like 12 years older than I was and was a neighbor down the street from my family. I got upset with my parents one day and decided to run away with Laurel (my teacher). That didn't happen though!

Moving into my adolescent years, I was a leader in the Methodist Youth Fellowship (yeah, I was a Methodist!) and the youth choir. I can recall many times congregational members would tell my mother and grandmother that I should be preparing for a life in the opera. Mom would just roll her eyes while Grandma and Great Grandma would beam with pride. I was also active with the Boy Scouts and acted as the worship leader on troop camping trips. At the age of 15 I became an Eagle Scout. The local Boy Scout Council would celebrate those that achieved the Eagle rank by hosting a recognition dinner. The one condition of attending was that you had to bring a guest that was in the career you were considering. I invited Reverend John Martin, the minister from the Episcopal Church. Reverend Penrose, our Methodist Minister didn't want to go, so I extended the invitation to Reverend Martin who was happy to go. In 7th grade I was required to write a paper about the choice of my future career. Mine was the clergy.

As I grew up and went to college, not having anyone to remind me of Sunday worship, I wandered away. Not until 1980 when I met a young lady named Anita, a devout Lutheran, and followed her to the church. The following year, we were married at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Wilcox, PA. The rest is history.

After my second round of college, Anita found an advertisement for an Educational Director of the Warren County Emergency Medical Services. I applied and got the job! The first church we visited after moving to Warren was a Lutheran Church in Warren. We didn't last too long there as the congregation only wanted me for my voice and willingness to serve on Council. Anita wanted to help out in Sunday school but was told "we don't need you". It wasn't long before we found a new church that welcomed Anita's willingness to teach Sunday School and sort of coerced me to join the choir.

Several years later, a job came calling for me to return to Erie and teach on a collegiate level. Time to look for a new church. We went to one of the local Lutheran churches and we heard the whispers "they're in our seats". We then tried Emmanuel where we were welcomed for our talents. Since then, the rest is history. About 18 years of Emmanuel and still growing strong!

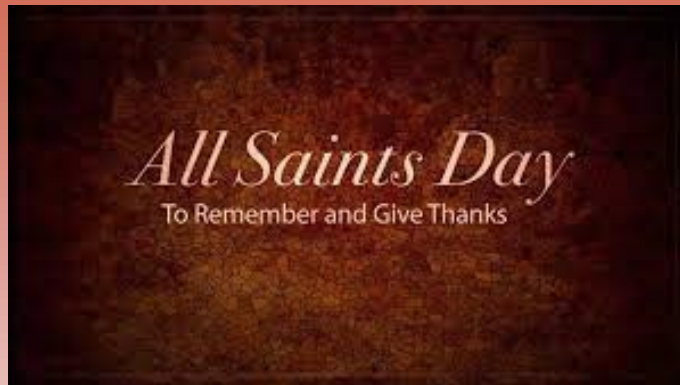


“It’s one thing to be grateful. It’s another to give thanks. Gratitude is what you feel. Thanksgiving is what you do.”

~Tim Keller~

Below are thirty passages on various aspects of thanksgiving. As you read them, notice how God is thanked, what He’s thanked for, and the results of giving thanks. Let it lead you into seeing God at work in your own life and thanking Him for it. Reflect on what they teach you about thanksgiving or reasons to give thanks. Then give thanks to Him in prayer.

1. Matthew 7:9-11; James 1:17; 1 Corinthians 4:17; Romans 11:36
2. Daniel 2:17–23; 6:10; Romans 8:28–29
3. Psalm 100
4. Luke 17:11–19
5. 1 Chronicles 29:10–22; Leviticus 7:11–15
6. Romans 1:18–23; 12:1–2
7. Psalm 103
8. John 6:11, 23; 11:41; Acts 27:33–38; 1 Timothy 4:3–4
9. Philippians 4:4–9; 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18; 1 Peter 5:6–9
10. Exodus 14:10–14; 15:22–16:8; Philippians 2:14
11. 1 Chronicles 16:1–36
12. Psalm 9
13. Psalm 28
14. Psalm 136
15. Romans 6
16. Psalm 33
17. Matthew 26:26–29; Hebrews 8:6–13
18. Psalm 30
19. 1 Timothy 1:12–17; Ephesians 2:1–10; 2 Corinthians 4:15
20. Psalm 95
21. Psalm 118
22. 1 Samuel 8
23. Deuteronomy 8
24. Ephesians 1:3–14
25. 1 Corinthians 15:12-28, 35-58
26. Psalm 105
27. Psalm 104
28. Psalm 138
29. Psalm 145
30. Revelation 4:1–11; 7:9–17



The feast that is now known as “All Saints’ Day” originated in May 609 when then pope, Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Boniface IV formally started All Saints’ Day on May 13 in 609 AD.

All Saints’ Day was originally referred to as Feast of All Holy Martyrs and was celebrated on May 13th. In 837 AD, Pope Gregory IV changed the name to Feast of All Saints and the date has been November 1st since that time.

All Saints' Day celebration has a long history in the worship life of the Christian Church. It began as a commemoration of the martyrs who had died for the faith, and it has since become a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ. Martin Luther held that all Christians are simultaneously sinner and saint--a sinner because of our rebellious nature, but a saint because of salvation in Jesus. In the Lutheran Churches, All Saint’s Day is a day in which the members take time to remember all of the faithful who have gone before us and give many thanks to God that by his mercy he receives sinners and gives us the same hope that He gave to them; the hope of the coming resurrection.

All Saints’ Day Prayer:

Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.



HOW TO PREVENT HOLIDAY STRESS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season is just beginning. With Thanksgiving the holiday season is on us. It begins the time for making plans with friends, families and co-workers. From Thanksgiving Day to Black Friday and on into New Year's. It's begins the get togethers, the big meals and the shopping season. With the holiday season comes stress whether it's physical, emotional or financial.

Some *important*, practical tips can help to minimize the stress that accompanies the cooking, the cleaning, shopping, large gatherings and visitors who sometimes overstay their welcome.

1. Plan ahead...

It is inevitable that some holiday commitments will be scheduled for the same day. Plan on what you can attend and don't stress over the events you are unable to attend. If you are the one hosting, create a menu to help you stay organized. It's easier to stay focused if you have a set plan of action. Don't see a different recipe after making your menu and think "oh, I should make that!" Nope, you already have your plan, stick to it!

2. Say NO...

It is okay to say no to a few or even all holiday events to help relieve some of your stress. It's okay to say no to those family members who want to visit for a week, yet they always end up staying three weeks. Practice it and say it loud and clear "NO!!"

3. Plan spending...

Make a budget and stick to it! Don't use credit cards to buy gifts you will be paying off for the next year. Keep an eye out for good sales and take advantage of them to help save some money and to stay within your budget. Make a list. Instead of buying numerous gifts, why not choose one or two meaningful gifts for your loved ones?

4. Create relaxing surroundings...

Turn on some music, or light a candle, have a glass of wine, indulge in a special treat or get a little time outside in the fresh air. These little things can boost feelings of well being, and vitamin D is always a happiness booster! Double the pleasure while wearing your headphones listening to music while taking a walk drinking your glass of wine and indulging in some holiday sweet treat! Multitask on boosting your happiness!



Preventing Holiday Stress

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5. Maintain healthy habits...

The holidays are notorious for ruining healthy habits! Try doing a short morning workout to keep you motivated to make good decisions throughout the day. Try a new workout routine or activity and encourage family or friends to join in with you. Eat healthy snacks like fruits or vegetables throughout the season. Eat a healthy snack before going to dinners or parties to help keep you from over indulging. But don't take all the fun away, at least indulge a little!

6. Share feelings...

Spending a holiday after a loss in the family can be difficult. Accept your feelings and take the time to reach out to family and friends to share your feelings. Try to make new traditions that may help ease the pain. Remember you are not alone. Call an old friend you have lost touch with. Do something that can bring a smile to your face.

7. Respect differences...

Family and friends will have different view points and often time different traditions than yours. Try your best to forgive and forget past indiscretions and focus on the positive. Replace tension with something productive. Get out there and build a snowman with your family! Remember eating all of the fudge is NOT productive!

8. Be realistic...

Remember, you are only one person and there are only so many hours in the day! Be realistic with how much you can handle this holiday season from how many events you can attend to how much you can financially afford to spend and everything in between. Forget about perfection, instead relax and enjoy the company around you. If you feel overwhelmed order dinner in, ask others to bring a dish to pass or just make a reservation!

9. Take a break...

Don't put your own needs on the back burner. Take a nap, go for a short walk, read a book, meet up with a friend for a cup of coffee or watch a funny movie. Laughing relaxes the whole body and can relieve physical tensions and stress.

Remember that the holiday season is meant to be fun, enjoyable times with friends and family. These tips can help ensure you truly can relax and enjoy the holiday season when stress starts to set in. Take a deep breath and make memories and be thankful for all of your blessings this season. Remember it is okay to say NO! Remember to take time to give your thanks to God.



Monday, November 11th

Thank you to all who served our country.

On November 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued a message to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day, in which he expressed what he felt the day meant to Americans:

A year ago today our enemies laid down their arms in accordance with an armistice which rendered them impotent to renew hostilities, and gave to the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new and more just set of international relations. The soldiers and people of the European Allies had fought and endured for more than four years to uphold the barrier of civilization against the aggressions of armed force. We ourselves had been in the conflict something more than a year and a half.

With splendid forgetfulness of mere personal concerns, we remodeled our industries, concentrated our financial resources, increased our agricultural output, and assembled a great army, so that at the last our power was a decisive factor in the victory. We were able to bring the vast resources, material and moral, of a great and free people to the assistance of our associates in Europe who had suffered and sacrificed without limit in the cause for which we fought.

Out of this victory there arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men.

To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations.

The United States Congress adopted a resolution on June 4, 1926, requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue annual proclamations calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. A Congressional Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made November 11 in each year a legal holiday: "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'".

U.S. Army and Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets march during a Veterans Day parade in Baltimore, Maryland, 2016

In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks from Birmingham, Alabama, had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died in World War I. Weeks led a delegation to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who supported the idea of National Veterans Day. Weeks led the first national celebration in 1947 in Alabama and annually until his death in 1985. President Reagan honored Weeks at the White House with the Presidential Citizenship Medal in 1982 as the driving force for the national holiday. Elizabeth Dole, who prepared the briefing for President Reagan, determined Weeks as the "Father of Veterans Day".

US Representative Ed Rees from Emporia, Kansas, presented a bill establishing the holiday through Congress. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, also from Kansas, signed the bill into law on May 26, 1954. It had been eight and a half years since Weeks held his first Armistice Day celebration for all veterans.

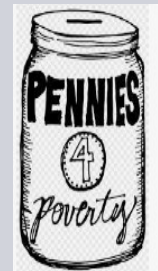
Congress amended the bill on June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans," and it has been known as Veterans Day since.

November Celebrations of Life and Love



- 11/4 Marianne Kocur
- 11/7 Barbara Coughlin
- 11/7 Sally Leubin
- 11/7 Nicole Stewart
- 11/9 Holly Kocur
- 11/9 Rebekah Saylor Nau
- 11/11 Landry Winston
- 11/12 Judy Guthrie
- 11/14 Debra Madurski
- 11/22 David Mays
- 11/26 Bob Hauser
- 11/29 Jennifer Geddes Hall
- 11/29 Brian Redditt
- 11/30 Carolyn Dean

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



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



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.



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.

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

(814) 833-4062

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

Denise Arnold

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





Cranberry-Apple Casserole

What Thanksgiving table is complete without some type of cranberry dish?

This recipe is from THREE decades ago and looks absolutely amazing!

Especially for those who love

cranberries! So, why not add it to your festive holiday feast this year? Who knows, maybe you will be starting a new tradition with an old favorite recipe from days gone by.

This fresh fruit-filled Cranberry-Apple Casserole offers a sweet kick that makes it a yummy dessert option, but the burst of savory from the tartness of fresh cranberries also makes this dish a delightful side dish to accompany your plate full of turkey and mashed potatoes!

Ingredients

- 3 cups apples (such as Granny Smith or Braeburn), peeled and chopped
- 2 cups fresh cranberries
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour, divided
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 3 pkgs. cinnamon and spice instant oatmeal (such as Quaker) OR you can just add some cinnamon and spice to quick cooking oats.
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup melted butter

1 Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Mix apples and cranberries with 2 tablespoons flour until coated. (For best results, do this in a gallon-size zip-top bag.) Add in sugar, and continue to mix until evenly coated. Pour the flour- and sugar-coated fruit into an 11- x 7-inch casserole dish. In a separate bowl, mix oatmeal, remaining flour, pecans, brown sugar, and melted butter until it resembles a crumble. Spoon the crumble over the fruit. Bake uncovered for 45 minutes.

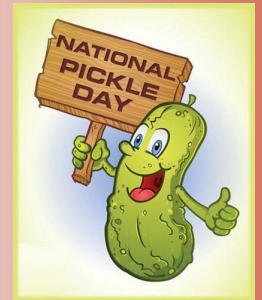


What National Days are there during the month of November?



November is:

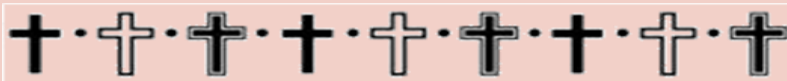
- **Adoption Awareness Month
- **Caregivers Appreciation Month
- **Diabetes Awareness Month
- **Epilepsy Awareness Month
- **Model Railroad Month
- **Native American Heritage Month
- **Peanut Butter Lovers Month



Days Observed in November:

- 1st: All Saints Day
- 3rd: Sandwich Day
- 6th: National Nacho Day
- 7th: Men Make Dinner Day
- 10th: United States Marine Corps Day
- 13th: Sadie Hawkins Day
- 14th: National Pickle Day
- 17th: Take a Hike Day
- 21st: Great American Smoke Out Day
- 23rd: Eat a Cranberry Day
- 28th: French Toast Day





Date	Presider	Assistant	Lector
11/3/2024	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Debbie Madurski
11/10/2024	Kostur		Ronneil Middaugh
11/17/2024	Kostur	Debbie Reddit	Bill Reddit
11/24/2024	Kostur		Rick Durst



Altar Guild: Debbie Madurski

Counters: Debbie Madruski & Claudia Skerlong

Usher: 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!

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



2024



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

					1 AA 7 pm	2 Turn Your Clocks Back
3 All Saints Day 9:30 am Worship Quarter Sunday Coffee Hour	4 Drop off baked goods for bake sale between 8:30 am—12:30 pm Quilters 9:30 am Flagship City Chorus 7 pm	5 Election Day Book & Bake Sale 7 am—7 pm AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	6 Tops 9:00 am AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	7 Choir 12 pm	8 AA 7:00 pm	9
10 9:30 am Worship Church Council 10:35 am	11 Veterans Day Quilters 9:30 am Flagship City Chorus 7 pm	12 AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	13 Tops 9:00 am AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	14	15 AA 7:00 pm	16
17 9:30 am Worship	18 Last Day for Sweet Potatoes Donation Quilters 9:30 am Flagship City Chorus 7 pm	19 AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	20 Tops 9:00 am AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	21 Advent Bible Study 11 am Choir 12 pm	22 AA 7:00 pm	23
24 9:30 am Worship	25 Quilters 9:30 am Flagship City Chorus 7 pm	26 AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	27 Tops 9:00 am AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	28 Give Thanks to God for all your blessings Thanksgiving Day	29 AA 7 pm	30

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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 2nd Sunday of the month

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: 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

