

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH APRIL NEWSLETTER 2019

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Lenten Study and Worship

Wednesday evenings

***Bible Study: 6 pm*Holden Evening Prayer:
7 pm**

***Fellowship afterwards**

We invite you to bring a friend & participate this year in a special **Bible Study at 6 pm in the Kindergarden room lead by Pastor Beth Siefert.**

Feel free to bring a brown bag supper and your Bible as we exam the portrayals of several Biblical figures – each of which has had a unique encounter with Jesus.

Lenten Prayer for Renewal

Lord God of Mercy,

You call me during these 40 days of Lent to renew my commitment to you, my Creator and Redeemer. Help me, by your grace, to turn to you deep within the inner room of my heart, so that I may truly become an “ambassador for Christ” through your gifts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Speak tenderly to me during this time of reflection and renewal, and help me to remember how you have always led your people through trial and affliction to the Resurrection. Reveal and remove all obstacles that impede me from truly seeking and following you. Roll away the heavy stone from the tomb of my sinfulness.

Let the light of the Resurrected Christ radiate through my every word and action, so that all people may know your love that saves the world and gives eternal life. Raise me from the darkness; open my eyes to your light and my ears to your voice, so that my heart overflows with the inexpressible delight of love as I drink in the dawn of Easter glory. Amen.

~One Caring Place – Path of Life Books



EASTER FLOWERS, I would like to give _____ flowers for the Special Offering for Easter Sunday at \$8.00 each.

\$ _____ **is enclosed.**

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

Please indicate your preference below

_____ please have circle member deliver to shut in

_____ I will deliver to shut in

_____ I prefer to pick up after late service

Instead of flowers I would like to give _____ for the Special Offering for Easter Sunday to go towards eliminating hunger locally and globally.

\$ _____ **is enclosed.**

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

PLACE FORM & DONATION IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR
SEND TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY APRIL 7, 2019.

Sunday School Newsletter – April 2019

Christian Education



As we all know we are progressing through the season of Lent. A time when we all slow down and become reflective of our lives. Sunday School is doing the same thing. April is a slow time while we await the busy, happy, joyful time of Easter. Our **Easter celebration on April 21st** will be in Leubin-McCray Hall from 9:30-10:30 a.m. with an egg hunt, bagels and fruit to enjoy, some puzzle sheets to solve and maybe even some surprises from a bunny that stopped in my office recently.

Happy Spring – thanks for reading,
Carolyn Kuntz, Sunday School Superintendent





Can you spare some time?

Mark Your Calendar - - Spring Clean Up



The Property Committee is asking for our help & support for a
Spring Clean Up of our church grounds on April 13th
starting at 9:00 a.m.

Bring your family & friends with leaf rakes, gloves and lots of good energy. Spend as much time and energy as you are able, to help beautify our little corner of the globe.

Can you lend a hand?

Creation Sunday and Earth Day are traditionally in April as well, so this Spring Clean Up is perfect timing to get out in God's Creation and welcome the change of seasons with thanks for all that God has entrusted to us.

Can you help spread the word...



During the month of April, we would like to encourage you to try using a church mug for coffee, rather than the disposable option. We might even consider moving away from products like Styrofoam as we seek ways to become better stewards of God's Creation. Place your dirty mug in the kitchenette sink and I'll even wash it up for you.

~ Lori

W/ELCA NEWS & EVENTS

Women of the
Evang. Lutheran
Church in America



Our Women of the ELCA synod is committed to the organization's initiative of

Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls.

As part of our mission, we have been working with the S.O.A.P. (Saving Our Adolescents from Prostitution) project [<https://www.soaproject.org>] distributing small soaps with the National Human Trafficking hotline number on them.

We place soap in restrooms along highways and interstates. The goal is two-fold: to raise awareness to the general public that there is an avenue of help and to put the helpline in places that might be frequented by a teen in trouble.

We have partnered with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwest Pennsylvania to collect data on the number of interstate restrooms that have the correct helpline posters in the right locations in Pennsylvania. This data is taken to Harrisburg, our state capital, to encourage lawmakers and government agencies to follow through on best practices for information and awareness dealing with human trafficking. It also lets our lawmakers know Women of the ELCA is actively engaged and positively impacting the issue.

In addition, our partnerships have expanded to include the Crime Victim Center of NWP and Gannon University Campus Ministry. Four students and 3 of our W/ELCA women are visiting local hotels with the Missing Children's poster, **a list of Red Flag situations**, a folder of helpline information on Human Trafficking, an offer of training for front desk, housekeeping, and security staff, and bars of labeled soap that they can utilize in their hotel. **Our goal is to reach as many establishments as possible to give them information, assistance, and awareness about the prevalence of Human Trafficking in our community.**

"After drug dealing, **human trafficking is tied with the illegal arms industry as the second largest criminal industry in the world today**, and it is the fastest growing," according to the Center for Homeland Defense and Security. [<https://www.hsdl.org/?abstract&did=23329>]

QUILTING UPDATE FROM LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF FOR 2018

~Thinking Globally, Acting Locally~

328,610 mission quilts, like the ones made here at Immanuel for Lutheran World Relief, have been sent to **18 different countries** this past year- 2018.

Thank you once again for this amazing ministry here at Immanuel.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

All are welcome!

Have you seen this poster on our bulletin board? Please take a close look and read the RED FLAGS to watch for – this is happening in our area unfortunately



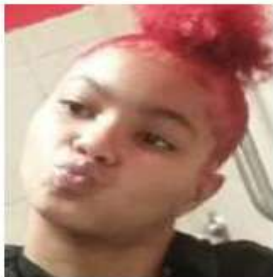
PENNSYLVANIA/OHIO MISSING CHILDREN POSTER



Ijanee James-Wynne
18 yrs. old
DB: 8/28/2000
Height: 5'6
Weight: 200 lbs.
From: Tobyhanna
Maybe in Harrisburg



Asia Jackson
15 yrs. Old
DB: 2/24/2003
Height: 5'5
Weight: 120 lbs.
From: Pottstown



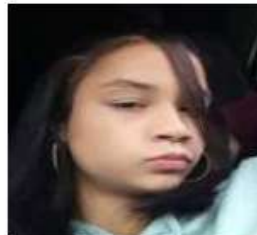
Summer Young
14 yrs. Old
DB: 9/10/2004
Height: 5'0
Weight: 140 lbs.
From: Salem OH



Skyler Hart
18 yrs. Old
DB: 7/26/2000
Height: 5'3
Weight: 120 lbs.
From: Womelsdorf



Chakeema Spencer
16 yrs. Old
DB: 6/13/2002
Height: 5'7
Weight: 200 lbs.
From: Chambersburg
May be with her infant



Yasmin Garcia
15 yrs. Old
DB: 6/27/2003
Height: 5'4
Weight: 80 lbs
From: Cleveland



Ashley Otero
15 yrs. Old
DB: 5/9/2003
Height: 5'2
Weight: 118 lbs.
From: ERIE
Might have blonde hair



Mia Schumann
16 yrs. Old
DB: 1/5/2002
Height: 5'5
Weight: 125 lbs.
From: McKees Rock
Noes is pierced. May have blue hair



Cherish Rice
15 yrs. Old
DB: 4/22/2003
Height: 5'2
Weight: 107 lbs.
From: Cleveland



Destynie Johns
17 yrs. Old
DB: 8/8/2001
Height: 5'6
Weight: 135 lbs
From: Fombell

Call the Human Trafficking Hotline Number if you see one of these girls
1-888-3737-888 or 1-800-THE LOST

APRIL 2019 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA



Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
4/7/19 8:15 10:45	Holmberg	Bob Dorler	Hannah Mays	Bob Dorler
		Stan Holsopple	Gretchen Andrews	Claudia Skerlong
4/14/19 Palm Sunday 8:15 10:45	Kuntz	Debbie Redditt Cindy Geddes		Rick Kuntz Cindy Geddes
4/18/19 Maundy Thursday 7 pm	Lundwall	Gretchen Andrews		Rick Kuntz
4/19/19 Good Friday 7 pm	Zimmerman	Gretchen Andrews	Anita Byrne	Barb Coughlin
4/21/19 Easter 8:15 10:45	Moran	Debbie Redditt Anita Byrne		Bill Redditt Cindy Geddes
4/28/19 8:15 10:45	Whitbred	_____	_____	Cindy Eckman
		Stan Holsopple	Gretchen Andrews	Beth Siefert

Acolyte:

Altar Guild: D.Dorler/J.Stewart

Counters: Char Feiler/Debbie Madurski

Ushers: Early: Bob Dorler/Jack Botwright

Late: T. Stewart/R.Hetrick

*Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Ushers: as available

Soup Kitchen Items Needed: Canned Broth

Soup Kitchen Delivery: Stan Holsopple

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

DID YOU KNOW...

The Liturgical season color

during Lent is

~purple~

for REPENTANCE AND SOLEMNITY

Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for May

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

APRIL 21ST



KEEP IN PRAYER: Lucie Arndt, Tim Botwright, Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Pastor Huhn, Kyle Husted, Carol Ketchel, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Phyllis Lindahl, Marie McKinney, Michael, Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, Debbie Sitter, Kim Wingard, and all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, or ill at home. We pray for those in the military: Scott Case– Navy, (C. Geddes nephew) & Christopher Peterson – Navy (Grandson of the late Agnes & Chuck Peterson).

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.



Update on Sally & Shel Fager~ West Lake Woods

Jeanette Swanson and Lori Nemenz had a lovely visit and got to talking about the Fager's Miniature Greyhounds that they have adopted over the years and, of course talked about the kids and grandkids – some joys and some challenges – so send a prayer or two their way. Then we got to talking about Shel's work as **a fly tier for the Erie Sport Store** - so with fishing season here - we just had to share some pictures. Enjoy – and thanks Shel and Sally for sharing your time and talent with us. Sally mentioned that she is so happy to get the newsletter and see so many familiar names.



Such an amazing craft and passion for Shel and each card bares a name of the fly – The Dandy, The Bull Dog, etc. the date it was created with Shel's initials SCF. Maybe some of you even have some of these in your tackle box. What a wonderful and informative visit.

I never knew – did you?

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



SOUP COOK-OFF
BOOKLET NOW
AVAILABLE!!

Get your copy in
church or
contact the
church office.

ACTION

A BIG THANK YOU to all who answered
the call to help with the recent funeral dinner and
memorial luncheon held here!!

Thank you to
all involved!



The Social Ministry committee collected 137 pairs of
socks for men and women thanks to
you.

They will be given to Community
Shelter.

Thank you for your support!

*Thank you to the amazing Altar Guild for once
again gifting us with some beautiful seasonal
arrangements for our Altar flower stands.*

*Also sharing this thank you from
Holy Trinity Soup and Pasta Kitchen
– see the next page for the letter.....*





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THE REV. DR. GARY L. HARBAUGH, PASTOR EMERITUS

March 3, 2019

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you for your generous financial donation of \$300.00 to the Holy Trinity Soup & Pasta Kitchen. We want to thank you very much for your gift, and we will ensure that it is used to sustain the food ministries.

The soup kitchen served approximately 7000 meals in 2018. With your support we are able to continue serving in God's ministry to help feed body and spirit with a good meal and fellowship.

Holy Trinity members and the numerous volunteers offer many loving hearts and helping hands, but only with support from people like you through prayer and contributions is it possible to fulfill God's mission with our neighbors in need.

Thank you again for your continuing help.

In Christ,

Mr. Ron King
Pastoral Assistant

**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.

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 Shopped on Peninsula for holding these prices for us.

April Birthdays

April	1	Travis Feiler
	10	Carole DelPorto
	17	Kylie Husted
	18	Jason Kuntz/Bryan Timm
	19	Judi Casler/Doris Roesch-who passed this year.
	23	Carol Ketchel
	24	Ron DelPorto/Lainey Bartlett
	25	Bob Dorler

Everyone enjoys receiving a card!

April Anniversaries

None on file this month





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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April 2019

Greetings of Peace

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7pm Presque Isle Flute Club	2 AA 7:30 PM	3 TOPS 8:30 AM BIBLE STUDY 6PM 7PM -HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER Social Choir Practice AA MTG 7:30 PM	4	5 7:30 PM Friday AA	6
7 Sunday School 9:30 Services: 8:15 & 10:45 Quarter Sunday	8 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7pm Presque Isle Flute Club	9 AA 7:30 PM	10 TOPS 8:30 AM BIBLE STUDY 6PM 7PM -HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER Social Choir Practice AA MTG 7:30 PM	11	12 7:30 PM Friday AA	13 ***** SPRING CLEAN-UP 9AM *****
14 Sunday School 9:30 am Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM COUNCIL MTG 9:30	15 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7 pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Presque Isle Flute Club	16 AA 7:30 PM PROPERTY COMM. MTG. 7PM	17 TOPS 8:30 AM BIBLE STUDY 6PM 7PM -HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER Choir Practice AA MTG 7:30 PM	18 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: 7 PM 	19 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: 7 PM  7:30 PM Friday AA	20
21 EASTER SUNDAY ***** Sunday School Easter celebration 9:30 am Services: 8:15 & 10:45 am NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7pm Presque Isle Flute Club	23 AA 7:30 PM	24 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	25	26 7:30 PM Friday AA	27
28 Sunday School 9:30 am Services: 8:15 & 10:45 AM	29 QUILTERS 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7pm Presque Isle Flute Club	30 AA 7:30 PM				



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 2nd Sunday of the month*

Christian Education

Council liaison: Cindy Eckman

Communications

Council liaison: vacant Committee Chair: vacant

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Did you miss church? Need to keep updated and want
easy access to the church calendar, newsletter or annual
report?

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Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: David & Hannah Mays

Finance

Council liaison: Gretchen Andrews

Property

Council liaison: Bob Dorler Committee Chair: Stan
Holsopple

*Property Committee usually meets the 3rd Tues. of
the month-7pm*

Stewardship

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair:

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant



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Join us on this Lenten Journey

Bible Study 6 PM, Holden Evening Prayer 7 PM

Fellowship following service



We await the coming of Easter Joy when we can again say~

Christ is Risen – He is Risen Indeed - _ _ _ _ _ !!