

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020

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## Grace & Peace from the Pastor's Desk



Every year around the fourth of July I spend a week as a Discovery Camp counselor. Discovery Camp is held at Camp Jumonville, a United Methodist camping and retreat center near Uniontown, PA. It is styled after a Vacation Bible School for mentally, and limited physically, challenged adults. There are daily classes in Bible, crafts, and music, along with other activities.

Every year there is a dance with a theme... I can recall themes of a county fair, a prom, Christmas in July, and a 50's dance – complete with poodle skirts. The counselors decorate the main room with the theme while the campers are FOB (feet on bed). The campers aren't allowed into the main room until the time of the dance. It's fulfilling to watch the faces of the campers as they enter the room. Each camper has their picture taken in their dance outfit. The picture is sent home with their guardian as a remembrance of the year's camping experience.

If the weather cooperates there is time scheduled for swimming, for going to the cross (see the picture), a campfire with S'mores, and a day trip to Ohiopyle, a state park in the southernmost Laurel Highlands.

To say this camp is challenging is an understatement. Most of the campers have to be helped with meals, which are held in the camp's dining hall, and watched at all times so they don't wander off. Yet, as challenging as the camp is, it is also very rewarding. These adults are loving, caring, sometimes temperamental persons. The majority of them are repeat campers, so there is a true bond of friendship built between counselors and fellow campers. Every year I come away a better person with greater people skills because of my experience with Discovery Camp.

Due to Covid-19 Discovery Camp had to be cancelled this year. It was quite disappointing. Yet, as bonded as the campers are, the counselors, who are also mostly repeat, are bonded just as closely. That is why a group camp at the Inn at Jumonville was scheduled for Labor Day weekend. Bill, even though he is not a counselor, and I will be attending the camp where we will plan next summer's Discovery Camp, and we will have some fun as well.

I've included some pictures of previous camps. I hope you enjoy them.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Karen*

## **Christian Education**

# **Sunday School Newsletter September 2020**

Unfortunately Rally Day and Sunday School as we have known it, have been cancelled for this year due to the pandemic.

We are so very thankful for the ministry that Mrs. Kuntz and the Christian Education department have shared and we ask for your continued prayers during these challenging times.

Pastor Karen Kostur & the Immanuel Church Council

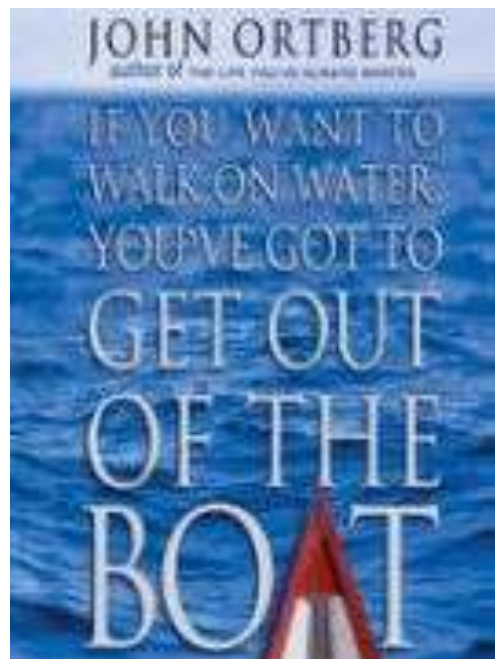


## **BOOK STUDY COMING SOON**

If there is enough interest, Pastor Karen is going to be offering a Zoom or a Sit-In Book Study on the book "If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat" – please contact the office by phone or email if you are interested and have a preference of method (Zoom or Sit-In) or timing. Our local libraries even have some copies of the book to borrow.

**Zoom would be remote online and Sit-In would be in the parking lot  
with your bag chairs**

***(in the event of rain – move inside to the Kindergarten Room)  
CDC guidelines to be followed by all.***





## ~ Being Good Stewards ~ Season of Creation Sept 1 - Oct. 4

According to Penn State Extension (<https://extension.psu.edu/household-water-conservation>) PA's water usage has increased dramatically in the past 100 years. In 1900, residents used about 5 gallons/person/day. By 1995 that usage had increased to about 62 gallons/person/day. And the population during that time increased from 5 to 12 million residents.

Making efforts to reduce water usage is especially important.

**Can you spare some time?**

**Can you lend a hand?**

**YOUR HELP WITH  
CLEANING, ETC. ALWAYS  
APPRECIATED – NEED  
SERVICE HOURS?**

- Turn off the tap while you wash your hands (for at least 20 seconds!), shave or brush your teeth.
- Scrape your dirty dishes into the trash or compost bin —then put them in the dishwasher or wash; avoid pre-rinsing with running tap water.
- Take a shower instead of a bath. Showers typically use less water than tub baths, more so if you turn off water while lathering hair or skin. If you do take a bath, be sure to plug the drain right away and adjust the temperature as you fill the tub.
- If you have a dehumidifier or accessible drain from air conditioners, save the water and use to water plants.
- Consider using a rain barrel to catch water from your rooftop for watering gardens and yards.
- Only wash full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Check your plumbing fixtures for leaks. Dripping faucets and leaking toilets can waste lots of water.
- If your home has older appliances and plumbing fixtures, consider replacing with newer low-flush or dual flush toilets, low volume showerheads and faucets, front-loading washing machines and high efficiency dishwashers.

A good source for ways to save water is the EPA site:  
<https://www.epa.gov/watersense/how-we-use-water>

Shared from the NWPA & SWPA Synod Green Team

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

### [The Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice](#)

*social statement explains the ELCA's teachings on ecology and the environment, grounded in a biblical vision of God's intention for the healing and wholeness of creation. This statement provides a Christian understanding of the human role to serve in creation, and a hope rooted in God's faithfulness to the creation from which humans emerge and depend upon for sustaining life.*

*CHICAGO — The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and leaders from The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada have prepared a series of devotions to observe the [Season of Creation 2020, Sept. 1–Oct. 4.](#)*



**Food Stand Ministry**



**DID YOU KNOW...**  
**this time of year after**  
**Pentecost, is**  
**~green~**  
**OUR TIME OF GROWTH IN**  
**CHRIST**

**OCTOBER**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**DEADLINE:**  
**SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

## Food Stand Ministry

Have you driven along Powell Ave, south of Immanuel Lutheran Church (on the west side of the street) and noticed a food pantry stand? The food stand is provided and supplied by Flightpath Fellowship, 4749 McMillen Drive, Erie, PA 16505 and is located in front of Pastor Joe Gerhart's home. At the morning of our first drive-in service, the Pastor of Flightpath Fellowship, walked down to Immanuel and thanked us for being a part of the community and prayed with our worship leaders that morning. Your church council discussed the possibility of helping to support this food ministry. Bob Dorler recently contacted Pastor Joe to ask if they needed assistance with the food stand. Pastor Joe welcomed the idea. So perhaps you found that you are overstocked with some extra nonperishable goods or just bought too much. Donations may be placed directly in the box or brought to the church office from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm or on Sunday mornings. Additional items such as pamphlets or worship reading material is also welcomed. For further information or questions, please contact Bob Dorler or Debbie Redditt.

## DRIVE-IN SERVICES

***We'd love to know what you think of the Drive-In Service – please share your comments in the offering plate.***

### SEPTEMBER 2020 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lay Distributor	Lector
9/6/20 9:30	Edwards	Bob Dorler		Bob Dorler
9/13/20 Grandparents Day 9:30	Kostur	Cindy Geddes		Cindy Geddes
9/20/20 9:30	Kostur	Anita Byrne		Anita Byrne
9/27/20 9:30	Kostur	S.Holsopple		S.Holsopple

**Altar Guild:** P.Maloney/S.Pfeiffer/S.Leubin

**Counters:** C. Geddes/B. Coughlin

**Ushers:** Parking lot ushers as assigned by B.Dorler

**Flight Path Food Stand Ministry Items Needed: All non-perishable items**

**Collection box on Powell Ave. or drop-off at church:** Stan Holsopple

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

**\*Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for October\***





**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Denise Arnold's Mom - Lucie Arndt and sister – Lana as well as brother-in-law Pastor Huhn; John & Tim Botwright, the Feiler & Lee families; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Kyle Husted, Carolyn Kuntz, Jim Kuntz, Diane McGranor, Phyllis Lindahl, Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, and all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, who are serving on the “front line” during the COVID-19 pandemic or who are ill at home.

We pray for those in the military: Scott Case– Navy, (C. Geddes nephew) & Christopher Peterson – Navy (Grandson of the late Agnes & Chuck Peterson).

### **Shut-In Ministry**

***No time in your busy life for much more?  
How about just an occasional phone call or card?***

***Current Shut-in list: Audree Adams, Judi Casler,  
Sally Fager.***

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.***



***Please give me grace to live for you, Jesus, so that one day I may  
hear you say, “Well done, good and faithful servant!”***

***Matthew 25: 23***

# FAITH IN ACTION

Thank you  
for sharing  
your  
Time &  
Talents



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August 6, 2020

Rev. Karen Kostur  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1002 Powell Avenue  
Erie, PA 16505

Dear Pr. Karen and our sisters and brothers at Immanuel:

Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County gratefully acknowledges your congregation's gift in the amount of:

\$100 (check #13579 d. 8/6/20)

given in support of ICM and our Voucher System for Emergency Assistance, in which Immanuel also participates. It is a blessing indeed for us and those whom we both serve.

We thank your congregation for your ongoing generous support of ecumenical ministry in the area and our efforts to minister to God's people in need. We continue to seek your prayers and support.

Blessings in the Season of Pentecost and always. Come, Holy Spirit, come and lead us to joy, health, justice, and peace in the name of Love.

Yours in Christ,

Karen E. Adams  
Director, Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County

*No goods or services were provided to you by the organization in connection with any contribution, or their value was insignificant or consisted entirely of intangible religious benefits.*

We also received a lovely card  
from the H.E.R. Home ministry –  
check out the bulletin board.

# SCHOOL



# SUPPLIES

## Collecting School Supplies

Social Ministry will be collecting school supplies during the month of August thru Sept 13th.

Pocket folders

Notebook paper

Highlighters

Dry Erase Markers (black)

Colored pencils

Crayons

Glue sticks

Flash cards (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and/or division)

Flash cards (sight words)

Erasers

Pencils

Boxes of tissues

Hand sanitizer

Clorox wipes

Snacks (individually wrapped)

Jump ropes, balls, etc. (for recess)

Take advantage of any of the great back to school sales!

Items may be dropped off at the church during office hours or after the service on Sunday mornings.

Cash donations can be placed in collection basket and marked "Social Ministry School Supplies"

Thank you !  
Social Ministry





THANK YOU TO ALL  
INVOLVED IN THIS  
MINISTRY!!

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Drive-In Services

*During this time of Global Pandemic, we are called to practice social distancing although we yearn for our time together. One such way we believe we can accommodate all of the CDC regulations and still observe our way of worship is by holding services in the comfort of your own car. Please bring your mask and hand sanitizer and keep in mind the recommendations for social distancing of 6 ft. or more.*

1. Please arrive at the church at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the service. Watch for our parking lot ushers. Park facing the Education Wing.
2. Any last minute instructions will be transmitted prior to the service
3. We will email the bulletin for the service. It is in PDF format and we have some options for you. a. Print the copy and bring to the service. b. Download it to your phone, tablet, or other electronic device that you can follow along with. c. We will print a limited number of copies for distribution.
4. Broadcast – We have purchased a short range FM transmitter that will be used by your car audio system to amplify the service. Tune into 93.7 on the FM dial just before 9:30 AM, and you should be patched into the sound system. This is especially exciting, as you have individual control of your own volume!
5. Hymns are printed in this bulletin for Sunday's Worship, so you can sing along from the safety of your own car.
6. Communion – We have purchased sealed communion elements to be used for parking lot services. They are sanitary and individual. When you arrive, one of the parking lot ushers will offer you a communion cup/host if you wish to commune during the service. We encourage you to wear your mask when interacting.
7. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the church at 833-4062.





### **September Birthdays**

September	5	Madison Penpek
	11	Airi Suokas, Claudia Skerlong
	13	Elizabeth Cool
	15	Tom Stewart/Summer Feiler
	28	Denise Arnold
	29	Sue Pfeiffer

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

## ***Celebrations***

### **September Anniversaries**

**Congratulations** to those celebrating their anniversary on

September	2	Char & Dick Feiler
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***of Life and***

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.

[immluthch@verizon.net](mailto:immluthch@verizon.net)

***Love***



### **Immanuel Hours**

Church Office – 833-4062

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

[immluthch@verizon.net](mailto:immluthch@verizon.net)

### **Staff**

Church Caretaker: Wally Coughlin

Organist/Music: Director Bryan Timm

Admin. Ofc.: Lori Swanson Nemenz

### **Sunday school**

Superintendent: Carolyn Kuntz

Assistant: Janice Kreger

### **Elected Lay Leadership**

Treasurer: Bill Redditt

Fin. Sec.: Cindy Geddes – 734-1286

### **Church Council Officers**

Pres. – Debbie Redditt – 449-1855

Vice Pres. – Bob Dorler – 833-2719

Secretary – Debbie Madurski – 774-3590

### **Council Members**

Cindy Eckman, Char Feiler, George Pfeiffer, Sally Leubin, Bob Dorler, Cindy Geddes

## **Church Council Committees**

*We invite all members of Immanuel to join any of these committees and/or offer your gifts where you can – many hands make light work!!  
Council usually meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

### **Christian Education**

Council liaison: Cindy Eckman

### **BOOK STUDY – PASTOR KOSTUR**

### **Communications**

Council liaison: vacant      Committee Chair: vacant

Check out our website and "FRIEND" us on [Facebook](#)

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

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

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

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin

### **SOUP COOK-OFF BOOKLETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!!**

### **Finance**

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer

### **Property**

Council liaison: Bob Dorler      Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple

### **PARKING LOT CLEANED AND RESURFACED**

### **YOUR HELP WITH CLEANING, ETC. ALWAYS APPRECIATED – NEED SERVICE HOURS?**

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

### **Stewardship**

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

### **Social Ministry Committee**

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair:

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES - AUG-SEPT.13**

### **Worship & Music**

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant

### **\*\*Looking For New Committee Co-Chairs\*\* DRIVE-IN WORSHIP SERVICE**



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# September 2020



## Greetings of Peace

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 TOPS 9:00 AM AA 7:30 PM	3	4	5
6 Pastor Kostur off  One Service 9:30 a.m.  Quarter Sunday	7 LABOR DAY - Holiday observance - office closed  7pm Flagship City Chorus	8	9 TOPS 9:00 AM  AA 7:30 PM	10	11	12
13  One Service 9:30 a.m.	14 COUNCIL MTG 7:00 p.m.  7 pm Flagship City Chorus	15 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  	16 TOPS 9:00 AM  AA 7:30 PM	17	18	19
20  One Service 9:30 a.m.	21 7pm Flagship City Chorus	22 FALL BEGINS! 	23 TOPS 9:00 AM  AA 7:30 PM	24	25	26
27  One Service 9:30 a.m.	28 7pm Flagship City Chorus	29 QUILT COLLECTION 8:30-12:00	30 TOPS 9:00 AM  QUILT COLLECTION 8:30-12:00 AA 7:30 PM	1 QUILT COLLECTION 8:30-12:00		



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