

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH MAY NEWSLETTER 2021

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Drive-In worship participants we are asking you to drive up to the door/overhang at the Education wing in the main (south) parking lot. The usher will hand out communion, bulletins and receive offerings. Using the overhang, the usher will be somewhat protected from the weather and will also not have to cross the street!

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Grace & Peace
from the
Pastor's Desk

What is your life verse? Do you have one? Or are you more like me, there are several that keep you going throughout good times and bad? I took that Facebook quiz once and it gave me one that is suitable and easy to remember... Hebrews 10:23 "Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful." Our hope comes through Jesus Christ who lived, died, and was resurrected so that we know there is more to life than what we experience here on earth. God's promises are faithful and sure.

Which leads to one of my life verses I found on my own and have discovered that many people cling to this verse: Jeremiah 29:11 "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." There were times in my life that I really struggled to know that what I was going through was worth the outcome, and this promise carried me through those struggles.

Another verse that I have called upon I learned at Vacation Bible School (as an adult teacher). Colossians 3:23 "Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters" that's the NRSV translation... I'm not sure what translation I learned because it was in a song, but it was basically "whatever you do, do it for the Lord not for man." I learned from this verse that everything that I do is to glorify God and my life is about pleasing God, not people.

Yet in Ephesians 4:1-3 the apostle Paul reminds us that the relationships we have with the people here on earth are important when he says: "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" "The unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" is far different than simply keeping the peace, it is remembering God's love for everyone is what guides our words and actions, acting out of humility and gentleness with patience... it's difficult to remember this sometimes!

I have many more verses I could include here, and hopefully you have some that I haven't listed. If not, open your Bible and find one for yourself!

Again, I'm here for you... I'm in the office 9:30 am – 2:00 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, the phone number is 814-833-4062, or call my cell 724-557-2386 and leave a message.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Karen

Christian Education



~ *Sharing the Good News* ~

Our last gathering before Summer vacation will be on 5/23/21 - Pentecost Sunday - don't forget to wear some red to represent the Holy Spirit lovingly guiding us day to day.

A Confirmation meeting with Pastor Karen, for just the students who will be in 7th, 8th & 9th grades in the Fall, will take place on 5/2/21 from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. with a pizza party. Students only please for this meeting. Hope you can be there - Pastor Karen is looking forward to getting to know you better.



Registration for Summer Camp 2021 has begun. Please visit www.lutherlyn.com for dates, prices, details, and registration!

For additional information, please contact the camp office at 724-865-2161 or registrar@lutherlyn.com.

Camperships are available.

~New column feature~

News from your Church Council



In recent months, the Church Council agreed to apply for monies from the Payroll Protection Program which was offered to small businesses during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The application for the loan was submitted and Immanuel was approved and received \$10,102 to help with expenses for payroll and utility costs during 2021. At a further date an application will be submitted to ask for the loan to be forgiven.

This past January, Michael Redditt was asked to install a new computer and upgrade software to improve office functions. At that time, he recommended the church should increase our internet speed, expand our WiFi network, and include a guest network for access for members and groups. In February, the Church Council approved the decision to upgrade our internet services to provide a faster internet for future live streaming capabilities. Immanuel applied for a technology grant from the Northwest PA Synod and Immanuel was awarded \$500 to cover the costs of the equipment to implement the new mesh network and update our router. Also, by changing internet service providers we not only incurred a faster internet speed, but lowered our monthly internet and phone costs by nearly 50%.

The Church Council would like to extend a huge thank you to Michael Redditt for coordinating our technology needs, installing the new office computer and installing and implementing the new WiFi mesh network.

Debbie Redditt
Council President

MAY 2021 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA



Date	Presider	Assistant	Lector
5/02/21 9:30 AM	Kostur	Cindy Geddes	Cindy Geddes
5/09/21 Mother's Day 9:30 AM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Bob Dorler
5/16/21 9:30 AM	Kostur	Stan Holsopple	Stan Holsopple
5/23/21 Pentecost 9:30 AM	Kostur	Cindy Geddes	Cindy Geddes
5/30/21 Memorial Weekend 9:30 AM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Bob Dorler

Volunteers Welcome

Counters and Ushers needed
in 2021

We would welcome additional folks to join us in both of these church tasks. Please see the lists in this newsletter and reach out to Cindy Geddes for Counters and Bob Dorler for Ushers if you think you'd like to give this a try.

Altar Guild: Judy Stewart/Donna Dorler

Counters: C. Geddes/B. Coughlin **Ushers:** Ushers as assigned by B. Dorler

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

Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for May
JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MAY 15TH

DID YOU KNOW?

KIM PATERNOSH- Kim and her husband Vic and their kids, Trista & Nate have been members here at Immanuel for several years. Kim would love to be able to help anyone in the congregation in any way she can using her professional talents. She is currently the Director of Pharmacy at Select Specialty Hospital in Erie. Previously she was a Staff Pharmacist in the ICU at Saint Vincent. "I know that medications both prescription and over the counter can be very confusing for a lot of patients. If anyone ever has any questions that I can assist with, I would be happy to help them."

You can contact Kim on her home phone: 814-838-1668 or email kdrph@msn.com. Nate & Trista are 2 of our Confirmation Candidates this year!!

*Would you like to be listed? Give me a call or drop me an email in the office.
814-833-4062 or immluthch@verizon.net~Lori*

**PROFESSIONAL
RESOURCES IN OUR FAITH
COMMUNITY**



KEEP IN PRAYER: Denise Arnold's Mom - Lucie Arndt and sister, Lana as well as brother-in-law Pastor Huhn; John & Tim Botwright and Tim's wife Karen; the Feiler & Lee families; Ruth & Ken Foos – friends of Carol McCray; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Kyle Husted, Jim Kuntz, Nancy Leonard – Pastor Karen's friend; Patrick Lewis – family friend of S.Kocur; Bishop Michael Lozano, Diane McGranor, Phyllis Lindahl, Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, Jan Rowe – Pastor Karen's friend; Dr. Carl Seon; Pastor Roy Washill & family 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).

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.



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.***

Many of the facilities are now allowing visitation – call ahead to schedule.

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.

FAITH

IN

ACTION

Thank you
for sharing
your
Time &
Talents

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit Appeal



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



Thank you for your support of our campaign on behalf of Lutheran World Relief and their need for personal care kits. We asked members to sponsor the cost of a kit which is \$8 which includes shipping costs. Our goal was 50 kits by Easter and currently We surpassed our goal of 50 Personal care kits! This congregation sponsored 69 kits! The items needed for the kits are being purchased and will be bundled soon! Thank you to all who donated! Thank you for your support toward this mission of faith in action.



Thank you for your support!
Social Ministry Committee

Worship & Music in the News....

You can find Pastor Karen's latest sermons in print on
our webpage here
<http://www.ilc-erie.org/worship-.html>

Check out the audio files of
our services at the link
below:



For OneDrive login page,
click here:

[https://onedrive.live.com/
about/en-us/signin/](https://onedrive.live.com/about/en-us/signin/)



Please join us for worship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
either indoors, or in our drive-in services.

Celebrations

of Life and

Love



May Birthdays

May	2	Hannah Mays
	4	Lorraine Hornaman/Ray Kreger
	9	Diane Komisarski
	11	Diane McGranor/Chris Fetcko
	21	Larry Nemenz/Karen Sturgeon
	22	Rick Kuntz
	23	Mary Hetrick/Jeff Benson
	28	Carole Rickrode
	29	Jessica Guthrie
	31	Heidi Hardy

Everyone enjoys receiving a card!

May Anniversaries

4	Mike & Kim Lee
18	Cindy & Larry Geddes
19	Debbie & Ron Madurski
29	Bob & Sharon Roemer

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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ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE SIGN-UP

WE ARE ONCE AGAIN POSTING OUR ALTAR FLOWER AND SANCTUARY CANDLE SIGN-UP SHEETS IF YOU WOULD CARE TO SPONSOR EITHER OR BOTH IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF SOMEONE -- IT WILL BE NOTED IN OUR WORSHIP BULLETIN.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CATHY'S FLOWER SHOPPE, WHO HAS BEEN PROVIDING THE FLOWERS FOR US FOR MANY YEARS HAS HAD TO INCREASE PRICES SO **FLOWERS WILL BE \$35/WK** – SANCTUARY CANDLE REMAINS AT \$5/WK - SO WHEN PAYMENT IS MADE, PLEASE INCLUDE THIS NEW AMOUNT IN YOUR PAYMENT STARTING IN JUNE.

YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO BRING IN YOUR OWN PLANTS/FLOWERS FROM YOUR GARDEN, ETC.



GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

In celebration of Pentecost, May 23, 2021 you are given the opportunity to order red geraniums in memory/honor of loved ones. These will be on the altar on Pentecost Sunday and then planted outside the church. Please fill out the form below and return it, with payment to the church office by May 13, 2021.

I would like to order _____ plants at \$7.50 each.

Amount enclosed _____

Given by _____

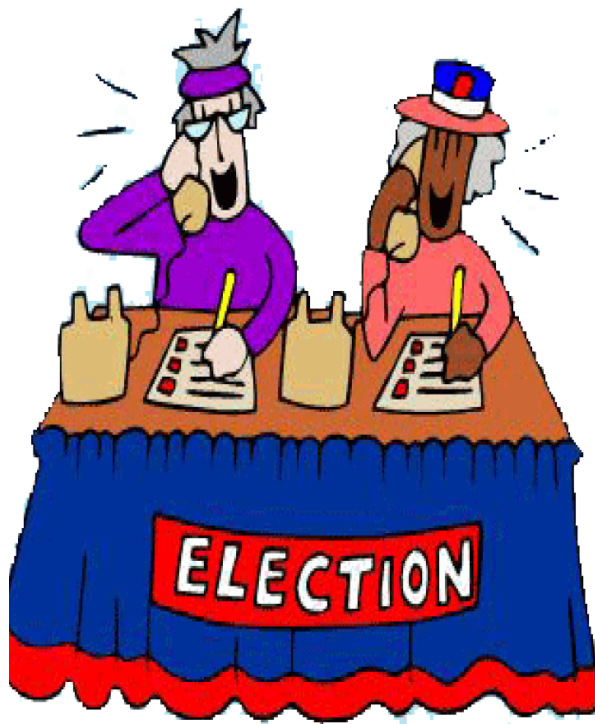
In honor of / or In memory of :

**Help will be needed for planting - if you are willing to help with this task
please contact the church office.**

May 18th

Election Day
Book & Bake Sale

Come and shop 7am – 7pm!



Carol McCray
coordinates the
bake sale.

**Cindy & Dave
Eckman**
coordinate the
books.

We are asking you to donate:

your gently-used **books** as well as some
tasty **baked goods** – please bag & pre-
price baked goods. See the sign-up
sheets on the bulletin board or get in
touch with Carol: 838-1511.



For many couples the Coronavirus has put a great deal of stress on their marriage, so now is the perfect time for them to sign up for a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend designed to strengthen and enrich their marriage. Please give married husbands and wives in your congregation the opportunity to celebrate their special relationship while learning unique insights and tools to improve their couple communication.

Please copy and drop the following announcement in upcoming bulletins or newsletters. Scholarship funds are available for those in need. Please encourage couples to go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org ASAP and sign up.

Thank you so much for helping us to protect and enhance marriages within your community.

In His service,
 Fred & Julie Schamber
 Northeast US Area Directors
 Lutheran Marriage Encounter
 Phone 724-325-3166
 Email: fjschamber@comcast.net



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS SCHEDULED FOR FALL

If your marriage has had some struggles during the Coronavirus, you are not alone! The virus has put a great deal of stress on a lot of marriages, and others just need some time away to just be a couple; so now is the perfect time to sign up to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend designed to renew and revitalize your marital relationship no matter whether you have been married a year or 60+ years.

The registration fee has been waived for this year, so you pay only the amount specified on the website for 2 nights in your group-rate hotel room and 5 meals for each of you. Also, scholarship funds are available for anyone in need. Simply e-mail or call us at the information below before you register.

Which Weekend will work for you:

October 1-3, 2021 -- Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA--Famous for its Robin Hood-inspired restaurant, Loxleys

October 15-17, 2021 -- Hyatt Place, Pittsburgh/Cranberry--spacious modern decor guestrooms with couches--an hour north of Pittsburgh

Should complications arise, your payment is refundable up to a month before the Weekend. Weekends begin at 8 PM on Friday night and end at approximately 3 PM on Sunday. REGISTRATIONS WILL BE LIMITED, so sign up NOW while there are still openings. Simply go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, find your chosen Weekend, fill out the form, and pay the amount specified with a credit card, or print the form and mail with a check. Don't miss this opportunity to create a more intimate and joyful marital relationship! For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, fjschamber@comcast.net or call: 724-325-3166.


 Habitat for Humanity®

ReStore®

SPECIAL SATURDAY COLLECTION DAY

Wanted: New & Used Building
Materials, Cabinets, Hard Furniture,
Lighting, Tools, Vanities, Home Decor

May 1 | 9AM to 12PM
4922 Pittsburgh Ave.

Off of West Grandview in the Business Park
6th building on the right. Enter the South
driveway and come to the back.

Masks Required.






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May 2021

Greetings of Peace



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship: 9:30 a.m. 10:30 Sunday School QUARTER SUNDAY CONFIRMAND CANDIDATE MTG. & PIZZA PARTY 6 PM 	3 QUILTERS 9:30 AM	4	5 AA MTG 7:30 PM	6	7 AA MTG.	8
9 MOTHER'S DAY  Worship: 9:30 a.m. 10:30 Sunday School COUNCIL MTG after service	10 QUILTERS 9:30 AM	11 JUNE EARLY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	12 AA MTG 7:30 PM	13	14 AA MTG.	15
16 Worship: 9:30 a.m. 10:30 Sunday School	17 QUILTERS 9:30 AM <i>Lori on vacation this week</i>	18 ELECTION DAY BOOK & BAKE SALE 	19 AA MTG 7:30 PM	20	21 AA MTG.	22
23 PENTECOST LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL Worship: 9:30 a.m. 10:30 Sunday School	24 QUILTERS 9:30 AM <i>Lori on vacation this week</i>	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship: 9:30 a.m.	31 MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED					



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WHAT IS GOD ASKING
OF YOU TODAY?



**All are
Welcome**

Immanuel Hours

Church Office – 833-4062
Hours - Mon-Thurs. 8:30am-12:30pm
immluthch@verizon.net

Staff

Pastor Karen Kostur – 833-4062
or Emergency #: 724-557-2386
Pastor's Office Hours – Tues &
Thurs.9:30am-2:00pm
Church Caretaker: Wally Coughlin
Organist/Music Director: Bryan Timm
Admin. Ofc.: Lori Swanson Nemenz

Sunday School

Coord: Anita Byrne & Janice Kreger
Teachers: Rick Kuntz & Jen Kuntz,
Pastor Kostur

Congregation & Church Council Officers

Pres. – Debbie Redditt – 449-1855
Vice Pres. – Bob Dorler – 833-2719
Sec. – Debbie Madurski – 774-3590
Fin. Sec.: Cindy Geddes – 734-1286
Treasurer: Bill Redditt

Additional 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 2nd Sunday of the month*

Christian Education

Council liaison: Cindy Eckman
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M. – LAST DAY 5/23/21

Communications

Council liaison: D.Redditt Committee Chair: vacant
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the church calendar, newsletter or annual report?

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NOW AND IN PRINT IN THE ERIE TIMES NEWS
RECYCLING OUTDATED EQUIPMENT**

Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin & Char Feiler

Finance

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer
2020 AUDIT

Property

Council liaison: Bob Dorler Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple
**FACILITY MAINTENANCE, RENTAL PROPERTY OVERSIGHT
BOILER REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE/RESEARCH**

Stewardship

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes
MEMBERSHIP RECORD UPDATE

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair: Debbie Madurski

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant
****Looking For New Committee Co-Chairs****
DRIVE-IN AND INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES
OneDrive audio files of recorded services
<https://onedrive.live.com/about/en-us/signin/>



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