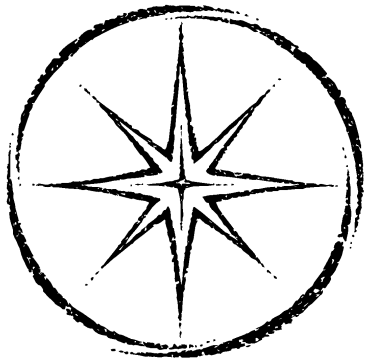


IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2022

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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

Matthew 25:34-40

“Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a...

...stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, [g] you did it to me.’

Those of us who have are blessed. We have food, shelter, clothing, we are in our own neighborhoods, we have water. There are people in Erie who are looking for these items. We most likely do not see them because we are not looking for them, but they exist. In the winter I drive by the old Citizens Bank on 10th and State. There are little alcoves incorporated into the building’s structure. Every day in the winter I see a person sleeping in one of the alcoves.

I have received calls from people don’t have enough money to pay their utility bills, or who are new in town and found a job but don’t have the money for gas to get to the workplace. We know from our little food pantry outside of the church that there is a need for food, masks, warm clothing. I am so happy that we have started this ministry.

But what else can we do? How can we be connected to the community around us in a way that will be beneficial to the people, not to just give handouts, but to help them make a better way in life. How can we make a difference in our community?

Is there a possibility that persons may want to learn how to sew? Maybe there are people who need to be educated to pass their GED? Would a mother’s day out or a parent’s night out be helpful so our neighbors don’t have to take their children shopping or just to give parents a break. Stretching that a bit farther, are there parents of disabled children who need a safe place for them to stay while they get a little break? Or maybe people need to learn how to cook so they can stop buying fast food meals.

These are just some ideas I’ve seen put to work at other churches, and you might be finding reasons we can’t do them here at Immanuel. But if this excites you, or if you have other ideas, let’s put our heads together and brainstorm about ways we can either use the building here at Immanuel, or find places in the community where we can go be the church. We can Dream Big!

As always, I’m usually available in the church office Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm. You can phone 814-833-4062, or just drop in for a visit. You can always call or text my cell phone 724-557-2386. Please leave a message if I don’t answer.

**Grace and Peace,
Pastor Karen**

Christian Education



~ *Sharing the Good News* ~

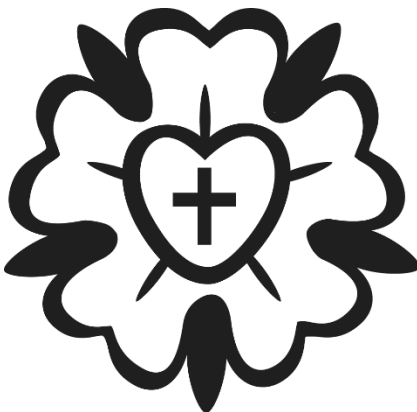
Our 2021 Mitten Tree Appeal Update

Hats	126
Hats & Glove Sets	8
Hats & Scarf Sets	6
Hooded Scarf & Hat Sets	2
Scarfs	23
Gloves & Mittens	44
Socks	1
Head Bands	2

GRAND TOTAL 212

All these items will be going to the
Bethesda's Youth Program

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WERE ABLE TO HELP!!



REMINDER: Our next Confirmand Meeting
will be

February 6th after worship with
Pastor Karen

- we hope all 6 of our Confirmand
Candidates can join us:

BRODY BONSELL
SUMMER FEILER
NATE PATERNOSH
TRISTA PATERNOSH
MADISON PENPEK
MIA PENPEK

Due to Omicron
the Adult Sunday
school will be
suspended
through February
and begin again
March 14.



Immanuel Worship Calendar

FEBRUARY 2022 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lector
2/6/22 9:30 AM	Kostur	C. Geddes	C. Eckman
2/13/22 9:30 AM	Kostur	B. Dorler	B. Coughlin
2/20/22 9:30 AM	Kostur	D. Redditt	B. Redditt
2/27/22 Transfiguration of Jesus 9:30 AM	Kostur	Stan Holsopple	Stan Holsopple



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

Counters:B. & D. Redditt

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 March

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15TH

A young parishioner was taking the Civil Service test to become a mail carrier.

The first question was, "How far is the earth from the moon?"

"Look" the parishioner said to the examiner, "if that's gonna be my route - you can forget it!"

**JOKE OF THE MONTH
FROM "THE TREASURY OF
CLEAN CHURCH JOKES"**

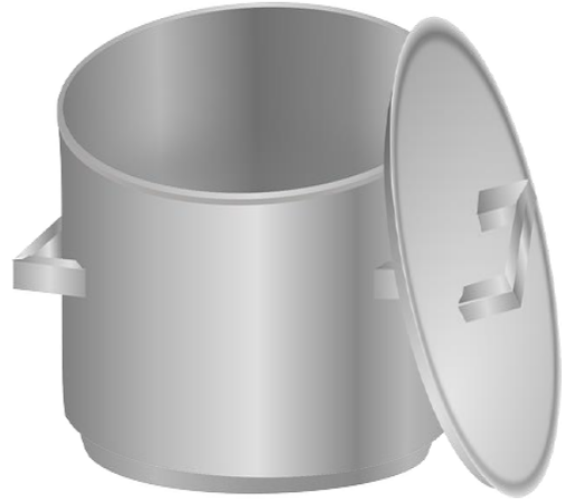


FAITH

**\$OUPER BOWL
\$ COLLECTION**

February 13th

IN

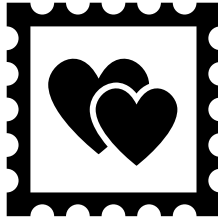


ACTION

On February 13th – Super Bowl Sunday - the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting cash/check donations for the Holy Trinity Soup & Pasta Kitchen.

(Please make checks out to Immanuel Lutheran Church with "Souper Bowl" on memo line)

There will be large soup pots stationed at both doors before and after each service for the collection. Please give as you are able.



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 the church directory.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Denise Arnold's Mom Lucie Arndt as well as brother-in-law Pastor Huhn & family; John & Tim Botwright & their families; Bob Dorler's sister – Pat; the Feiler & Lee families; Cindy Geddes' family friend Deedee; Christin; Pastor Karen's sister – Janet Gray and friend Nancy; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman; Kyle Husted; Amanda –Nita & Joe Byrne's daughter; Kevin Komorek – friend of Sally Leubin; Jim Kuntz; Leslie; Patrick Lewis–friend of S. Kocur; Bishop Michael Lozano; Carol McCray's sister, Marilyn; Friends of Debbie Redditt – Nathan Pelletier and Gayanne Nieratko; Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, who are serving on the "front line" during the COVID 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).

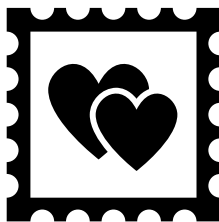
If you are sick or in the hospital, please notify the church office and if you'd like home communion or a copy of our newsletter ~ please let us know in the office.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR NEW LIFE

Baby Amelia Marie Redditt was welcomed into the world Tuesday, January 4th at 12:12 pm weighing in at 7 lbs ., 3 oz., and 19.5" long.



Amelia is the daughter of Michael & Brittany Redditt and the granddaughter of Debbie & Bill Redditt.



Rosebuds on the altar on 1/9/22 – Baptism of Jesus – for both Amelia and little Landry Winston who was baptized. Thank you to Debbie for facilitating. Photos courtesy of D. Redditt

FAITH IN ACTION

GREEN TIP FROM SW PA SYNOD

Trying to find ways to deal with something as big as the climate can feel overwhelming to a family or individual, but there are ways that each of us can do our part. The food we purchase can make a difference. According to Project Drawdown,

the #3 effective solution for dealing with the climate crisis is to minimize food waste.

Some food-waste issues are systemic, but many come down to things individuals and families can do. Plan meals, buy local, buy less, buy in-season, buy organic, store appropriately, use the freezer, reduce the intake of beef and other meat, grow veggies, eat leftovers, make soup and smoothies, compost peelings and ends, share with others. Eat happily, knowing you are helping us all.

Lutherlyn Fathers & Sons Retreat

February 18-20, 2022

There's something special about the time that fathers and sons spend together.

Lutherlyn's Fathers & Sons Retreat is a weekend just for the boys! Our traditional Fathers and Sons favorites, including Gaga Challenge, Junkyard Wars, and Blessing Service now have a winter twist. Enjoy sledding, tree tapping, and ice fishing! It will be a weekend of fun, faith, and relationship building.

The retreat is for fathers and sons of all ages; for fathers who "borrow" sons and for sons who "borrow fathers. Every man and boy is welcome to this retreat which provides group and personal activities to help build on relationships and make memories. It features activities in large and small groups as well as time to explore individual interests.

Registration is open NOW through February 6.

For more information visit the Lutherlyn [Fathers & Sons Page](#).

SELECTING A CLEANER ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLIER IN PENNSYLVANIA

In Pennsylvania, most of us can choose who we pay to generate electricity. (Some electric cooperative customers may not have this choice available.) This means that you can switch to a supplier offering cleaner energy (like wind or solar) that better reflects our call to care for God's creation. You can compare rates for cleaner power with rates for older technology power and find that sometimes you can either save money or pay very little extra to get cleaner power.

Selecting a new supplier will not change your billing process or the electric lines coming into your home. You will still pay your total bill to the same company (your distributor), but the amount you pay for generation will be transferred from the distributor to your chosen supplier. The power generated by your selected supplier doesn't come directly to your home. It is fed into a "grid" network of power lines that collect power from many companies and transmit and distribute the electricity to homes.

The supplier switch procedure uses an internet website set up by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PA PUC). Following are steps for selecting your electricity supplier.

1. Go to www.papowerswitch.com (official electric shopping website of the PA PUC)
2. Enter your zip code.
3. Take note of the price charged by your current supplier. Call this company to determine what methods of generation (fossil, solar, wind, nuclear, etc.) is associated with their electricity and the percent associated with each.
4. Select "fixed price", all the "no fee" options, and one of the following types of renewable power: Renewable Energy, Renewable PA, PA Wind, or Solar.
5. Check the lowest supplier price to compare with your current source. The difference in price for renewable energy as compared to your current supplier may be a small enough difference for you to switch suppliers. *Enrolling at a higher price can still be the right choice in that you are paying for generation of clean energy that's less damaging to God's creation, which we are called to protect.* You can also opt to get more details on any company by clicking "Learn more about this offer".
6. Take note of the contract duration being offered. Usually, longer duration times have the higher prices. Note that your selection above of "no cancellation fee" means that you can end your contract at any time by selecting a different supplier. Regardless of the contract duration you choose, you should repeat this search when the contract ends. Prices will probably go up, but you can select another supplier at a better price.
7. The www.papowerswitch.com website allows you to click "sign up for offer" to begin the switch with any company you decide upon.

For more information, contact the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod Green Team: nwpasynodgreenteam@gmail.com or Dennis Groce at 814-384-3025.

Worship & Music in the News...

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



You can find Pastor Karen's
latest sermons in print on
our webpage here
<http://www.ilc-erie.org/worship-.html>
and the video is posted to our
[Facebook page](#)

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



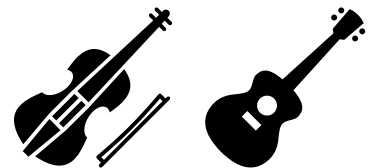
**With the contagious nature of the Omicron virus we
have determined that there will be no choir in
February, however that doesn't preclude other
forms of musical sharing. If you have musical
talent, be it voice or instrument (of any kind), we
would love to have you share it with us.
See Bryan to make it happen!**



COFFEE HOUR 1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

It will be in the lounge
after church service.
The Eckmans will be
hosting.

Make
a *Joyful* unto the
noise Lord
Psalms 98:4



Celebrations
of Life and
Love



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 \$36/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.

Welcome to little Landry
Baptized – January 9, 2022
Child of God



Landry Charles Winston

Born: November 11, 2021

Baptized: January 9, 2022

PARENTS: Emily & Jason Winston

SPONSORS: Johanna Forish and Joseph Szima

February Birthdays

February	3	Mychal Molnar
	13	Vic Paternosh
	16	Lori Yusz/Mark Moore
	17	Cathy Rignour
	18	Christopher Bureau
	19	Judy Stewart
	26	Melissa Sturgeon

February Anniversaries

February	1	Cindy & Dave Eckman
	14	George & Sue Pfeiffer

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.

February

Greetings of Peace

2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 AA 7:30 PM	2 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	3	4 7:30 PM AA	5
6 Service: 9:30 10:30 Youth Sunday School	7 QUILTERS 9:30 AM	8 AA 7:30 PM	9 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	10	11 7:30 PM AA	12
CONFIRMAND MTG. QUARTER SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR 						
13 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Service: 9:30 10:30 Youth Sunday School COUNCIL MTG. 10:30 A.M.	14 Happy Valentine's Day QUILTERS 9:30 AM	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE PROPERTY COMMITTEE MTG 7 p.m. AA 7:30 PM	16 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	17	18 7:30 PM AA	19
20 Service: 9:30 10:30 Youth Sunday School	21 QUILTERS 9:30 AM	22 AA 7:30 PM	23 TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	24	25 7:30 PM AA	26
27 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR SAVIOR Service: 9:30 10:30 Youth Sunday School	28 QUILTERS 9:30 AM					

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



Immanuel Hours

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Staff

Pastor Karen Kostur 814-833-4062
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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 & Pastor
Kostur

Congregation & Church Council Officers

Pres: Debbie Redditt 814-449-1855
VP: Bob Dorler 814-833-2719
Sec.: D. Madurski 814-774-3590
Fin. Sec.: C. Geddes 814-734-1286
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: Char Feiler

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.
CONFIRMAND MEETING: FEB 6TH 10:30 A.M

Communications

Council liaison: D.Redditt Committee Chair: vacant

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church calendar, newsletter or annual report?

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IN PRINT IN THE ERIE TIMES NEWS**

Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin & Cindy Eckman

**COFFEE HOUR 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
AND ONGOING COLLECTION FOR LITTLE FREE PANTRY**

Finance

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer

2021 AUDIT

Property

Council liaison: Bob Dorler Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple

**FACILITY MAINTENANCE, RENTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
BOILER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Stewardship

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair: Debbie Madurski

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – FEB. 13, 2022

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant

****Looking For New Committee Co-Chairs****

DRIVE-IN AND INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES 9:30 A.M.

OneDrive audio files of recorded services

<https://onedrive.live.com/about/en-us/signin/>

**PASTOR KOSTUR'S SERMONS ON OUR FACEBOOK &
WEBPAGE**