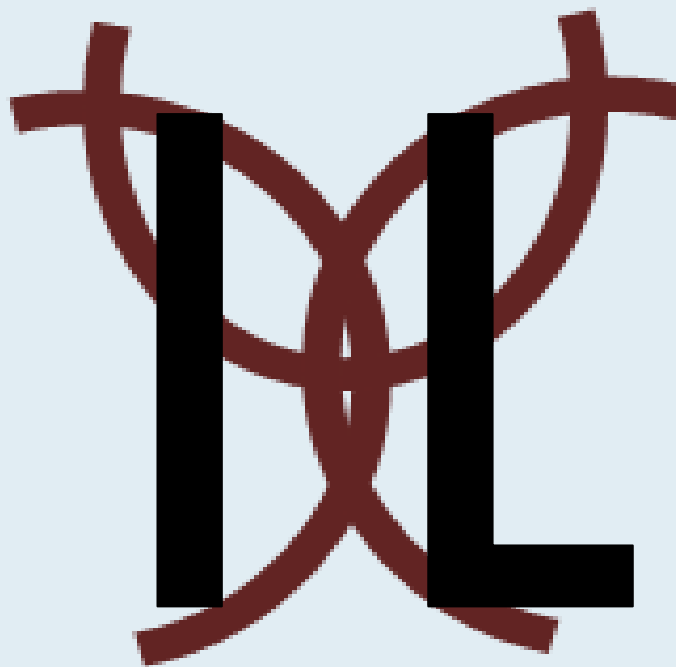


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JUNE NEWSLETTER 2024



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*** If you have photos, an event or news article you would like in the July Newsletter, please have the information to Brenda by June 24th***





Grace & Peace : From the Pastor's Desk

At one of the meetings I've attended within the past few months the idea of congregational vitality came up. Is the congregation thriving? Some of the marks of a thriving congregation as outlined by the Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church are: Lifelong Discipleship Formation, Intentional Authentic Evangelism, Outward Incarnational Focus, Empowering Servant Leadership, Spirit-Inspired Worship, Caring Relationships, and Ecclesial Health. I'd like to look at these seven areas in the newsletter and I am going to ask you to give me ideas on how we can improve in the areas that we may come up short.

Yes, if you're wondering, this is the same article as last month. I received no remarks about this article. Either you believe our church is perfect, or, maybe you skipped it when the ELCA wasn't mentioned as a source for the characteristics mentioned? Since our church isn't perfect and the denominations mentioned are mainstream denominations, there is validity to the article. Please consider once again the area you believe our church needs improvement and shoot me an email at pastorkaren.immanuel@gmail.com, phone me, or speak to me in person."

Lifelong Discipleship Formation relates to how we claim and proclaim our identity as followers of Christ. Our actions and involvement in the community, giving to others, worshipping and practicing the teachings of Christ are markers, as are attending Bible study and growing in faith. (See Romans 8:1-17, Deuteronomy 11:13-21, Luke 8:11-18)

Intentional Authentic Evangelism is intentional sharing of the Good News of the gospel. It is connected to lifelong Christian Formation because it is through intentional spiritual practices in the faith community that we join God's story with our story and share how they interrelate. (See Psalm 96, John 3:11-21, 2 Corinthians 4:7)

Outward Incarnational Focus is being willing to share the Good News with anyone, anywhere. We cannot contain the transformational saving love of God through Jesus Christ to the inside of a church when the world is in need and hurting. Christ is already present wherever we go, we join with him to step out of our comfort zone. (See Matthew 8:18-23, Luke 9:1-6, 2 Peter 1:1-21)

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Empowering Servant Leadership is using our spiritual gifts to serve the Lord doing our part as a member of the body of Christ. (See 1 Samuel 3:2, John 13:1-20, Ephesians 4:1-17)

Spirit-Inspired Worship brings us into the awesome presence of God where we hear the Word proclaimed and share as the Sacraments are celebrated. It is a time of teaching transformation conviction, where we are challenged and called into a deeper relationship with God and with one another. (See Exodus 3:1-6, 1 Chronicles 16:7-36; Isaiah 6:1-13, Philippians 2:1-11)

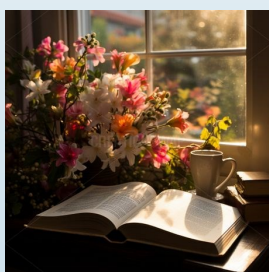
Caring Relationships go beyond the being together with our friends it is an expression of true agape love, seeing all people the way Jesus sees them. It allows people to be real in sharing their story. It is confronting conflict, where conversations of forgiveness and reconciliation are experienced. It is a place of vulnerability and trust. It is about meeting all people of God where they are and sharing our Savior, Jesus Christ.)(See John 8:1-2, Acts 6:1-7, Galatians 6:1-10)

Ecclesial Health is about 1) why we gather as a church community 2) how we practice being church together. It is asking, "Are we who we say we are?" The factors of Ecclesial Health are prayerful discernment, decision-making process, health of pastors, stewardship of budget and resources, clarity in mission and ministries. It is about having a clear purpose, shared core values, a clear mission and commitment and loyalty to the life of the church. It is not a stagnant space but a living faith full of joy and gratitude where people are valued, where they gather, and are sent to be the Church in the world. (See Luke 24:13-35, 1 Corinthians 12:14, 24b -25; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21, Colossians 2:1-19)

I'd like to hear from you regarding your opinion of the vitality of our church and any ideas you may have for improvement. I'm also available to discuss anything else that may be on your mind. I'm in the office Tuesdays from 1-3p.m. and Thursdays from 9:30a.m. to 2p.m. (814)833-4062. You can reach me on my cell 724-557-2386 anytime. Please leave a message if I don't answer.

Grace and Peace,

Pr Karen



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



From:

In Loving Memory of:

Debbie & Bill Redditt

Barb & Wally Coughlin

Sally Leubin & Family

Judy & Tom Stewart

Tim Botwright

John Botwright

Donna & Robert Dorler

Pastor Karen & Bill Kostur

Diane McGranor

Brenda & Rick Durst

Rick Kuntz

Cindy & Dave Eckman

Patty Morrow

Anita & Joseph Byrne

Alice & Samuel Kuntz, Jeannine Kuntz, Carolyn Kuntz
Jane Andrews, Thomas Redditt

Dan, Sally & Pat Coughlin, Jean Richardson, George,
Jo-Ann & Eric Popplewell

John Leubin, Pastor Leubin and Ruth Leubin

Patty Brown

Karen Botwright

Phyllis Botwright

Lawrence & Ruth Dorler, Pat & Charlotte Dorler,
Domenic & Lucille Gambatese

Jim & Ruth Gray, Wasyl & Elizabeth Kostur

Merndeen Hughes, Myron Lindahl

Harold & Margaret Durst, Harold & Reva Baker

Carolyn

Dick & Pearl Young, Donal Eckman, Jeanette & Lou
Tuve

Larry Morrow

Kay & Everett Ellison, Fay & Joseph Byrne, Grandson
Ian James Byrne



Worship & Music in the News.....

*Flute Choir will be joining
Worship on June 2nd.*



**Quarter
Sunday
is the
first
Sunday
of each
month.**





VBS 2023 is underway.....

Save the date:

July 9th – 13th / 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Hero Hotline

Hero Hotline invites children of all ages to answer the call to serve God together and lift each other up in his name. (VBS ages pre school – 5th Grade)

Adults and youth grades 6th and up are encouraged to join the team and help! *Please contact Miss Pam – phone: 814-450-4819 email: pkayanthony@yahoo.com*

We are ALL Called together to serve God!



**SAVE THE
DATE**

***August 7th for our
Annual Church Picnic!!***

***Plan on coming out for some
amazing food, wonderful
conversation, great company and
some fantastic entertainment!***

***Hoping to see everyone
there!!!***



Annual Church Picnic



Tuesday,
August 13th.
Mark your
calendar!

Welcome to the 14th Annual Erie Gives!

Immanuel Lutheran will once again be participating in the 14th Annual Erie Gives Day.

Erie Gives has updated their Check Contribution form, and now, your donation can be divided among up to 40 of your favorite local nonprofits! Please note, the minimum gift per nonprofit is \$25 each.

When you give by check, your entire gift is given to your favorite nonprofit as there are no credit card or website transaction fees.

You can visit the official Erie Gives site at ErieGives.org, which takes place on Tuesday, August 13th. Mark your calendar!

We hope you will choose to take part in this special event and give to Immanuel Lutheran Church. We appreciate any and all participation, in this special day to show appreciation for Immanuel Lutheran Church and give back, during Erie Gives Day.

******When you give by check, your entire gift is given to your favorite nonprofit as there are no credit card or website transaction fees.******

ERIE GIVES CHECK CONTRIBUTION FORM

GIVE TO YOUR FAVORITE ERIE GIVES NONPROFIT(S) BY CHECK AND 100% OF YOUR DONATION(S) WILL BE GIVEN TO THE CAUSE(S).

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE ERIE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND EITHER MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE FOUNDATION OFFICES AT 459 WEST 6TH STREET, ERIE, PA 16507 BY TUESDAY, **AUGUST 13, 2024**.



First Name(s): _____ Last Name(s): _____
 Mailing Address: _____
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 Check Number: _____ Contribution Total \$: _____
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Example: Jayne & John Doe | John Doe | Anonymous

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BAKE A DIFFERENCE

Lake Erie Food Rescue is pleased to announce our newest program, *Bake a Difference*. We know not all families can provide their child with a birthday cake. *Bake a Difference* is a group of volunteers who want to ensure that all children have a birthday cake to celebrate their special day!

****Children must be referred from a local community service agency, shelter, or church in Erie PA.** Our goal is to make all children between the ages of 1 -18 feel extra special on their birthdays by providing them a homemade cake or goodies of their choice for their birthday. Our goodies are homemade by volunteers. We deliver the delicious creations to our partnering agencies to deliver to the child.

All our work is confidential, and our volunteers never meet the child. We simply want to make sure every child has a wonderful birthday!

The children get to choose which tasty treat they would like to have on their special day. The children will choose from one cake, cupcakes, cake sickles, cookies or brownies. In addition, they also receive 10 birthday plates, cups, plasticware, and candles.

We are always looking for volunteers who would like to bake a special treat for a child. Contact us if you are interested in baking. We will provide you with all the information you will need.

**** A \$10.00 donation will help ensure we can provide all the birthday essentials such as plates, cups, plasticware, and candles. Thank you for helping a child have a special day! Lake Erie Food Rescue has PayPal and Venmo.**

Contact us for other ways to donate.

814-528-2805.





Father's Day Sunday, June 16, 2024

Although it's not recognized as a federal holiday, Father's Day is celebrated each year on the third Sunday in June. This year it falls on June 16th.

The first Father's Day was celebrated in 1910, but it took more than six decades for the day to become official.

The holiday piggybacked off Mother's Day, which became a commercial holiday in 1908.

The country was slower to honor fathers on a particular day.

However in 1916, Wilson recognized Father's Day, and in 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged states to observe the holiday.

Finally in 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson made the first presidential proclamation that honored fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in 1882, is recognized as the founder of Father's Day. Dodd, who died in 1978, was raised by a twice married, twice widowed Civil War veteran with 14 children. As a result, she wanted to honor "loving service" of fathers.

In 1910, she brought a petition before the Spokane Ministerial Alliance to recognize "the courage and devotion of all fathers" like William Dodd on June 5, her dad's birthday. As reported by History.com, the local clergy liked the idea of a special Father's Day service, but couldn't pull something together so quickly, so they settled for the third Sunday in June.

Source: usatoday.com

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

The background of the entire page is decorated with a pattern of red and blue stars of various sizes, some with a starburst effect. In the center, a vertical American flag is displayed, showing the stars and stripes. The text is arranged in a clean, centered layout.

FLAG DAY

JUNE 14, 2024

Flag Day is a celebration of the American flag that occurs each year on the anniversary of the flag's official adoption, June 14.

What we know fondly as the “Stars and Stripes” was adopted by the Continental Congress as the official American flag on June 14, 1777, in the midst of the Revolutionary War. Colonial troops fought under many different flags with various symbols—rattlesnakes, pine trees, and eagles—and slogans—“Don’t Tread on Me,” “Liberty or Death,” and “Conquer or Die,” to name a few.

The Declaration of Independence made the adoption of an American flag necessary. Previously, each colony or special interest had its own flag.

On that 14th of June, Congress made the Flag Resolution of 1777, stating: “The flag of the United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white on a blue field ...” Official announcement of the new flag was not made until Sept. 3, 1777.

“Flag Day” was celebrated as a patriotic occasion for many decades, but it was President Woodrow Wilson who made the observance official by a presidential proclamation on May 30, 1916.

The origins of the Stars and Stripes have become part of American folklore. Although many people believe that Betsy Ross designed and sewed the first flag, there is no true proof of this.

However, records do indicate that Betsy Ross most definitely made ensigns and pennants for the Philadelphia Navy during the war, and she certainly inspired the design of the current flag.

Based on colonial folklore, it has also been stated that the American flag was first flown in battle during the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Cooch’s Bridge in 1777. This may also be the stuff of legend. Flag Day, celebrated annually on June 14, is not an official federal holiday, but its observance is traditionally proclaimed each year by the president of the United States.

Source: almanac.com



EQUIPMENT DAY AT ERIE ZOO
CAUTION- BIG TRUCKS HAVE MADE THEIR WAY TO THE ERIE ZOO! Children of all ages are invited to join the Erie Zoo in celebrating Equipment Day on Saturday, June 1st from 10 a.m. – 2p.m.

This event is FREE with paid admission or an Erie Zoo Membership. Rain or Shine!!!

Access for All at the Erie Art Museum

The Art Bridges Foundation 'Access for All' initiative brings you free admission to the Erie Art Museum the first Thursday of each month from 11 am – 3 pm and the third Saturday from 10 am – 2 pm.

UPMC Sunset Music Series

Free live music is set to fill the breeze at Presque Isle State Park this summer for the popular 6-week UPMC Sunset Music Series. The Beach 11 concert series begins Wednesday, June 19, and continues weekly through July 24, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to sunset. Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy weekly entertainment from two live bands, local food trucks, ice cream, free hula-hoop play shops and extended swimming hours. Beach 11 features ample parking, ADA Mobi-Mat pathways for wheelchair accessibility onto the beach, and a nature playground.

Monday Music in the Woods

Every Monday, June 3 through July 29, 2024 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Free, No pre-registration required.

Grab your lawn chair, bring your cooler, and enjoy the beautiful setting of the Celebration Garden at the Andrew J. Conner Nature Center while listening to local acts performing folk, bluegrass, classic rock, and other favorites.

The Nature Center's hours will be extended on Monday evenings during the Music in the Woods concert. Guests can enjoy the show, explore the Nature Center and animal exhibit, and browse the gift shop.

Enjoy a glass of wine from Pisano Family Wine Cellar. \$1 from each drink sold will be donated to Asbury Woods.



To our faith family at Immanuel ✕
Thank you to all who have been holding
us in prayer after Larry's unexpected
passing. We still can't believe he is gone.
Your visits, cards, gifts of food & your love
is helping to carry us through our time
of grieving. We were blessed to share
this life with him and miss him very much.
The family of Larry & Lou Kemens
and the Swanson & Matteo families



On June 6, 1944, the long-awaited Allied landing in northern France began. Facing Hitler's Atlantic Wall, soldiers of the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, and other Allied nations landed on beaches in Normandy, beginning a campaign which lasted until July 24, 1944.

It was the largest invasion ever assembled, before or since, landed 156,000 Allied troops by sea and air on five beachheads in Normandy, France. D-Day was the start of Allied operations which would ultimately liberate Western Europe, defeat Nazi Germany and end the Second World War.

A total of 4,414 Allied troops were killed on D-Day itself, including 2,501 Americans. More than 5,000 were wounded. In the ensuing Battle of Normandy, 73,000 Allied forces were killed and 153,000 wounded. The battle — and especially Allied bombings of French villages and cities — killed around 20,000 French civilians.

D-Day is not a federal holiday, but annually, ceremonies are held to observe D-Day and remember those who bravely stormed the beaches on D-Day—both the brave men who lost their lives and others who survived. Some visit important World War II memorials, including the WWII Museum in New Orleans



The Story of the Erie City Mission

In 1911 a group of community leaders--who cared enough about the crushing burden of hunger, homelessness, and addiction--rolled-up their sleeves and organized the Erie City Mission.

For over a century, the Erie City Mission has helped those impacted by the effects of addictions, poverty, homelessness, and lack of hope.

Through five quality programs, the Mission has successfully met both immediate and long-term challenges of those in greatest need.

The Mission has endured through two world wars, an international depression, many foreign war conflicts, and numerous recessions.

Dedicated staff, financial donors, and volunteers have kept the doors open to meet the ongoing spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of thousands of people.

An extended history

The Erie City Mission's roots are founded in the ministry of Billy Sunday, the famous early 20th century evangelist. Sunday had a promising professional baseball career in the 1880s with the Chicago White Stockings and the Pittsburgh Alleghenys. However, because of a conversion experience, he turned his focus to ministry as a traveling evangelist. His rallies sparked the creation of a Christian social outreach project known today as the Erie City Mission.

Opening its doors in 1911 at its original location on 12th and Peach Streets, the Mission shared the gospel and provided music, food, and clothing to those in need, establishing itself as one of the most important social outreach centers in the city of Erie.

In the 1920s, the Bessemer Railroad Company bought the building, forcing the Mission to relocate to a retail building on East 9th Street, between State and French Streets. As a result of expanded outreach services and increased demand, the Mission relocated two more times (1117 Peach Street and 150 East 9th Street) before finding its permanent residence in 1978 at 1017 French Street.

Our Impact on Our City

For every 100 residents in Erie, 26 are living in need. We work to restore hope and transform lives for those in our city.

A light in the darkness

You see the struggle everywhere.

Poverty, hunger, unemployment, homelessness, abuse, social disadvantage, dysfunctional family life, mental illness, intellectual disability, drug and alcohol addiction, prison, illiteracy, and prejudice.

We are light in the darkness, a safe haven from the storms of life.



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Poverty Level 26.2% of Erie residents live at or below the poverty level.



Second Most Impoverished City in PA

The city of Erie is home to the poorest zip code in Pennsylvania - 16501. The Erie City Mission--located in the 16501 zip code--exists to eliminate poverty in our city through its programs and services.



Meals Prepared and Served 119,135 — the approximate number of meals prepared and served through the Erie City Mission's Public Meal Program. For many, the free public meal program serves as their main source of nutrition.



Average Cost Spent on a Meal The average amount spent on a meal by the food secure is \$3.13. It costs the Erie City Mission \$2.49 to provide a hot nutritious meal to the food insecure of our city.



Company Partnerships Many companies throughout the Erie region partner with the Mission kitchen to help provide the public lunch daily, including: Bob Evans; Cheddar's; Chick-fil-A; Co-Op; Coke; Country Fair; Curtze; Eat'n Park Hospitality Group; Giant Eagle; Little Caesars; Maplevale; Meadow Brook; Mighty Fine Donuts; Outback; Red Lobster; Sheetz; Tim Hortons; Walker's Christmas Tree Farm; and Wegmans



Emergency Men's Shelter 11,535 — the approximate number of bed nights for homeless men through our Samaritan Care Emergency Shelter.



Combating the Root Causes While the Erie City Mission meets the immediate needs of each individual, it is also committed to combating the root causes of chronic homelessness through education, 12-step programs, and spiritual mentorship.



Erie City Mission Trucks Run 40 Pick-ups Per Week Traveling as far as Girard, Waterford, Cambridge Springs, and North East for donations. Items donated through our Donation Center are distributed between our two Thrifty Shopper stores and sold at a reasonable cost or given away to those in need.



Service Hours Clocked by Volunteers 9,628 hours — the approximate number of service hours clocked by Erie City Mission volunteers. The value of these hours equates to over \$69,803 in savings.



Jalapeno Popper Deviled Eggs

- 6 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 jalapeno, seeded and chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 10 hard boiled eggs
- 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon apple cider vinegar
- pinch of salt
- pinch of cayenne pepper
- jalapeno thinly sliced

Cook bacon in a nonstick skillet until crispy. Remove with a slotted spoon and set aside.

Discard all but 1/2 tablespoon bacon grease. Add chopped jalapeno and minced garlic to bacon grease and cook for 1 to 2 minutes.

Cut eggs in half and remove egg yolks. Place egg yolks in a medium bowl with cream cheese, mayonnaise, Dijon mustard, apple cider vinegar, salt and cayenne. Use a fork to mash the egg yolks up well and mix them together with the other ingredients until smooth.

Stir in jalapeno and garlic.

Set aside about 1/4 of the bacon and mix the rest into the egg yolk mixture..

Evenly spoon the egg yolk mixture into the egg whites.

Garnish eggs with remaining bacon and jalapeno slices.

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.

The current Shut-In Mailing List is available in the office.



GRAPHICS

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

If you would like home communion or a copy of our newsletter, please contact the office.

KEEP IN PRAYER:

Karen Byrd
Eric Adkins and family
Julia – Cindy Geddes' Niece
Janice Kreger
MaryAnn Long and Russ Long
Penney Maloney
Denise Arnold and her sister, Lana Huhn
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

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:
Scott Case— Navy, (C. Geddes nephew)
Christopher Peterson – Navy



Celebrations of June Life and Love



Happy birthday! 1 James Pfeiffer & Sharon Roemer
4 Tiffany Mays & Carrie Penpek
6 Cindy Geddes & Johnathan Hunter
9 David Summers II
10 Sandra Kocur & Tatum Yusz
11 Jared Minski & Doug Stewart
14 Karen Byrd & David Eckman
16 William Redditt
21 Dennis Coughlin
25 Alex Lee & Sam Lee
26 Bonnie Steinbaugh-Rispin
29 Dennis Rohan
30 Isabella Botwright
Happy birthday!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

9 Carol & Gordon Ketchel
23 Bill and Debbie Redditt
27 Tom and Judy Stewart
29 Ray and Mary Kreger



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Capital Campaign - Boiler:

Funds for the boiler campaign currently show **\$29,077.19** toward our goal of \$58,803.



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



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.



Green Corner NWPASynod Green Team

Lutherlyn Environmental Education Program (LEEP)

LEEP offers learning adventures for all ages. It is renowned throughout western Pennsylvania for its high quality, science-oriented programs. Whether you are looking for a school field trip, an educator workshop, a church youth group activity, a scout program, a service project, or a family outing, LEEP has opportunities for you.

When youth attend summer camp at Lutherlyn, they participate in at least one LEEP nature activity during the week. They may visit the sustainable homestead at Terra Dei to learn about ways people can use less resources, with a focus on renewable energy. Campers might also visit the organic garden on site to learn about the importance of using fewer chemicals, habitat creation, and growing things in a way that works alongside natural systems instead of against them.

Throughout the week campers are also encouraged to reduce food waste (including helping with composting in the dining hall), conserve electricity and water, and to act in ways that don't damage the natural surroundings. Ultimately, this results in young people who are more mindful of the environmental implications of their lifestyles. LEEP hopes that all these experiences will make taking care of creation second nature to campers – something ingrained in their daily lives as well as something they can actively participate in and be passionate about.

For more information, visit the LEEP website at:

www.lutherlyn.com/programs/environmental_education

Upcoming LEEP "Saturday Safaris" - 9/7/2024: Gardening, Habitats, and Energy Efficient Living; 11/2/2024: Survival Skills

Register online at: www.lutherlyn.campbrainregistration.com

To subscribe to the annual LEEFrog newsletter, email leep@lutherlyn.com

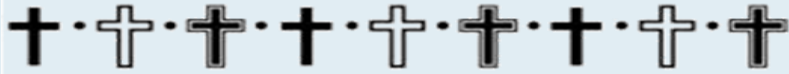
The Green Team's purpose is to "raise awareness of and advocate for the care of creation." Our mission is to support and encourage creation care ministries, raise awareness, model creation care advocacy consistent with ELCA teachings in our faith communities and public life.

nwpasynodgreenteam@gmail.com

<https://www.northwesternpasynodelca.org/nwpa-green-team.html>

Follow us on Facebook: Northwestern PA Green Team-Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

June 2024



Date	Presider	Assistant	Lector
06/02/24 9:30 AM	Kostur	Cindy Geddes	Cindy Geddes
06/09/24 9:30 AM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Cindy Eckman
06/16/24 7:00 PM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Bob Dorler
06/23/24 9:30 AM	Kostur		
06/30/24 9:30AM	Kostur	Stan Holsopple	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!



Altar Guild: Debbie Madurski
Counters: Kim Lee & Cindy Geddes
Usher: Bob Dorler

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



June 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 am Worship Flute Choir joining worship Quarter Sunday Coffee Hour	3 Quilters 9:30 am Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir 7 pm	4 AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	5 Tops 9:00 am AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	6	7 AA 7:00 pm	8
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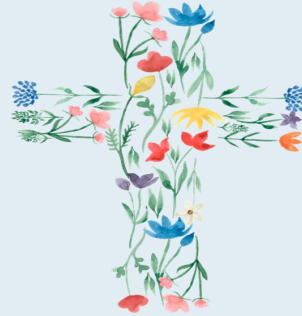
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8:30—12:30
Monday—Thursday

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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!!



Staff

Pastor Karen Kostur 814-833-4062
or Emergency #: 724-557-2386
Pastor's Office Hours – Tuesday 1:00-2:00 Thursday, 9:00am-2:00pm

Church Caretaker: Wally Coughlin
Organist/Music Director: Bryan Timm
Admin. Ofc.: Vacant

Sunday School

Coord: Anita Byrne & Janice Kreger
Teachers: Anita Byrne & Pastor Kostur

2024 Congregation & Church Council Officers

Pres: Bob Dorler 814-833-2719
VP: Rick Kuntz 814-572-3719
Sec.: Mary Hauser 814-397-7552
Fin. Sec.: C. Geddes 814-734-1286
Treasurer: Bill Redditt 814-833-9756

Additional Council Members

Sally Leubin, Dave Mays



2024 Council Members

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Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin

**COFFEE HOUR 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
ONGOING COLLECTION FOR LITTLE FREE PANTRY
SOUP COOK BOOKLET AVAILABLE**

Finance

Council liaison: Vacant

ANNUAL Budget

Property

Council liaison: Bob Dorler & Rick Kuntz

Committee Chair: Debbie Redditt

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

Stewardship

Council liaison: Dave Mays

Social Ministry Committee

Committee chair:

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Joe Byrne Chair: Sue Pfeiffer

Christian Education

Council liaison: Mary Hauser