

Immanuel Lutheran Church

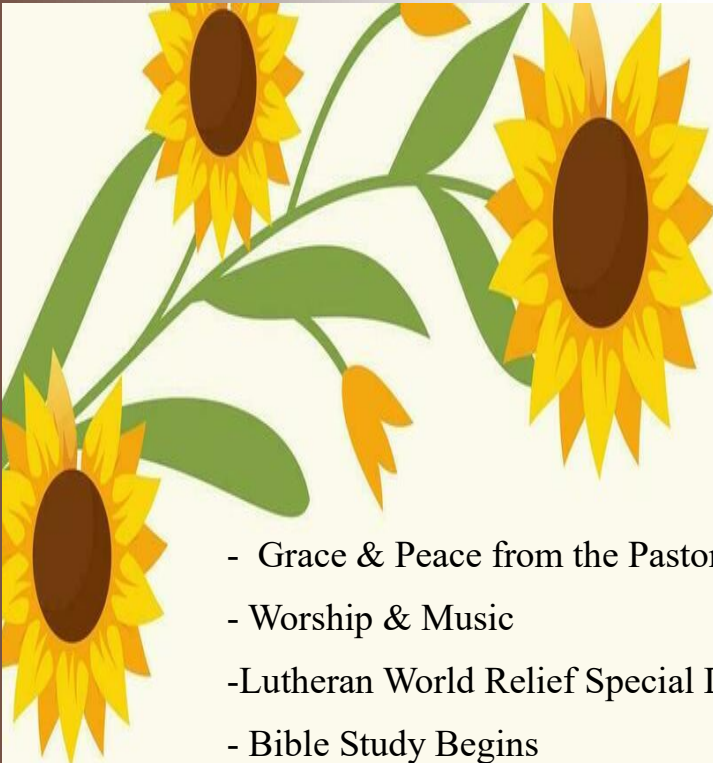
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If you have anything you would like in the October Newsletter, please get it to Brenda by September 22nd.





Grace & Peace : From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Karen will be on vacation September 9-16

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 1 John 4:18

A long time ago I read of a teenager who was afraid to tell her father that she had done something wrong. When she confessed instead of yelling at her or meting out another form of punishment, he gathered her in his arms and told her how much he loved her. I thought, "Right. Like a father would ever do that." It took me several years to realize that the father in this story was God who loves us even when we have sinned.

Another story I read was about two different sets of children who were home alone and when their parents arrived home the house was a mess from them playing. The first children in the story were afraid of being punished and stood back in fear when their parents came through the door. The other set of children ran to their parents and hugged them, knowing their parents loved them and would be happy to see them even though the house was a mess. They'd clean it up together once the hugs were over. The moral of the story was God loves you even when you mess up; God wasn't going to allow the mess to continue but would assist in the cleanup.

These may not be the tactics we would use as parents, but God's perfect love draws us in and allows us to confess and be forgiven and gently led forward to becoming a better person. God's love is the ideal set before us to love and care for one another.

God wants us to love even those who are different from us. It takes a lot of love to sit down next to someone who doesn't look like you and strike up a conversation. You may be met with a rebuff, an angry response, or you may learn that you're really not that different from the other. All it takes is putting love above fear and taking the chance. Through this you may gain a wider understanding of who the other is as a person and broaden your knowledge of humanity.

We let fear hold us back from encounters that could result in holy conversation. Perfect love casts out all fear. Love one another. And if you don't have enough courage to approach the other, at least don't be mean to them. A little understanding goes a long way. Remember to act out of the fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23a: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Let's all work together to create a worship space where all are welcome.

As always I look forward to hearing from you. I am in the office from around 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, and 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays. The office phone number is 814-833-4062 and my cell phone (where I am most always available) is 724-557-2386. Please leave a message if I can't answer.

On another note, remember Thursday, Sept. 11 at 11:00 a.m. begins our Bible study on the book of Revelation. If you'd like to join the study let me know, I have the book. Also, if there is enough interest I'll hold a second class at 6:00 p.m. Friday evenings beginning Sept. 12.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Karen



Bring your angelic voice and join us for choir!

Choir Practice will resume on September 11th at Noon!

We would LOVE some new voices to join us!



Bible Study will begin on September 11th. We will be meeting at 11 am on Thursdays & 6 pm on Fridays.

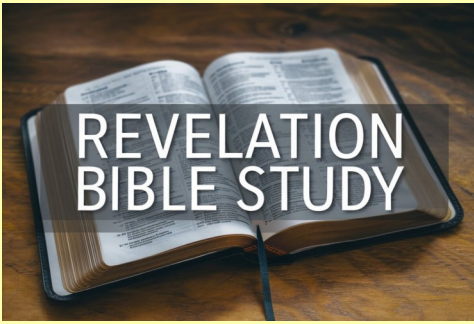


If you forgot or weren't aware, the first Sunday of each month is Quarter Sunday! Grab a handful of quarters and drop them in the collection plate!

Join your Immanuel Family the first Sunday of every month following worship. We meet in the lounge for coffee & goodies! The bonus is the wonderful conversation, laughs and spending time making memories with your church family!

Please waltz into the lounge to share a smile and say hi! EVERYONE is welcome!

Be sure to join us for church on Sunday, September 14th as we welcome Rev. Erik Young. He will be here for the pulpit exchange. Come join us!



Beginning **SEPTEMBER 11th** the new Bible Study will begin. Please join us as we study the book of Revelation.

Please let Pastor Karen know if you will be attending so that she has enough study guides.

**Bible Study: THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 11 AM
FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 6 PM**



**SPECIAL COLLECTION ON
SEPTEMBER 14TH DURING
WORSHIP**

Lutheran World Relief saves and improves lives in the poorest parts of the world. They are in need of donations to help fight hunger to those who are in desperate need.

*At the August 17th Council Meeting it was determined that Immanuel Lutheran would be doing a special collection on **September 14th.***

If you are able, please give to this very special cause to help those who are in dire need of nutritional assistance.



***THERE HAS BEEN A
CHANGE IN THE PICNIC
DATE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***

***WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3RD AT 5
PM***

We are so very sorry, but we had to change the date of our annual picnic. We hope that you will all still be able to come out and join your Immanuel Family in sharing some good food, good times and good conversation.

Don't forget to bring a dish to pass that begins with the first letter of your last name! Surprise us with something as unique as you are!

If you have any fun games you want to find someone to partner up with, bring them along!

***DATE CHANGE to wednesday,
September 3 at 5 PM. That is
THIS
WEDNESDAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***

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. Maybe just stop to share a moment of your time.

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



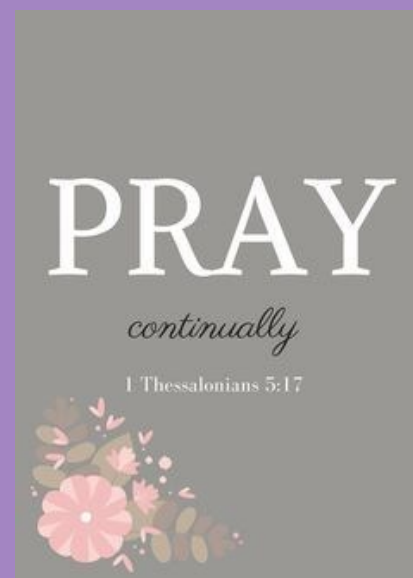
If you are sick or in the hospital, please notify the church office.

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



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Denise Arnold
Vince Belinski—Diane’s Nephew
Karen Byrd
Rev. Bill Cox
Chick Crosby (Sally Leubin’s brother)
Janice Kreger
MaryAnn Long and Russ Long
Penney Maloney
Denise Arnold
The Botwright family
Connie Cooper
Jim and Lorraine Hornaman
Rich Hornaman
Kyle Husted
Carol Ketchel
Bishop Michael Lozano
Brenda Matson
Carole Rickrode
Bob Roemer
Alice Tillotson—Mary Hauser’s sister
Joel Whickham—Mary Hauser’s brother
Logan Wrisley —Brenda Matson’s son
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.



On August 3rd, Immanuel Lutheran welcomed new member Brenda Matson.



Septembers Celebrations of Life and Love

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 9/3 Kelly Hunter
- 9/5 Madison Penpek
- 9/10 Rick Durst
- 9/11 Claudia Skerlong
- 9/11 Airi Suokas
- 9/13 Elizabeth Cool
- 9/13 Victoria Cool
- 9/15 Summer Feiler
- 9/15 Nicholas McCracken
- 9/15 Thomas Stewart
- 9/23 Patrick Harmle
- 9/27 Beth Griffin
- 9/28 Denise Arnold
- 9/28 Steven Saylor
- 9/29 Susan Pfeiffer

Happy Anniversary

9/4 Barbara & Walter Coughlin

9/22 Michael & Brittany Redditt

Capital Campaign - Boiler:

Funds for the boiler campaign currently show \$35,642.38 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



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.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!!

FROM OUR WALLS TO YOURS...

Silent Art Auction!



Prepare yourself for one of the most enjoyable events of the year... a silent auction showcasing beloved art pieces that have been gently appreciated and are now looking for a new home.

Choose from wood carvings, canvas florals and nature prints, final selections from the Sontheimer collection, paintings of animals and people... and an exceptional selection of religious art.



 **Abiding Hope**
Lutheran Church

Timeframe

Donation received by September 14th
Displayed for AH members September 19th
Displayed for community through the 20th
Successful buyers announced on
September 21st

Displays and bidding:
Lower level, Fellowship Hall
2402 West Grandview Blvd.
Erie, PA

www.abidinghopeerie.org

There will be several paintings by acclaimed Erie artist, Milton Sontheimer. Pastor Karen says the starting bids for all items are attractively low! If you have any questions contact Pastor Karen (814) 881-3266.

LUTHER MEMORIAL
CONCERT SERIES
Luther Memorial Cultural Series

225 West 10th Street • Erie, PA • 16502
www.lm-concerts.com

In Association with:
JEFFERSON
EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

4:00 PM

LMCS & Friends

Present the documentary film:

*Matt Shepard
is a friend of mine.*

with Producer, Linda Karn
and Special Guests, Judy and Dennis Shepard



Greater Erie Alliance for
EQUALITY

NWPA **PRIDE**

COMPTON'S TABLE

ERIE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

ERIE
LGBT
FUND

**FREE EVENT:
TICKETS REQUIRED**

DONATIONS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED
TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT AND THE
MATTHEW SHEPARD FOUNDATION.

FOR DONATIONAL, TICKETING AND
EVENT INFORMATION
WWW.LUTHERMEMORIALONLINE.ORG

Luther Memorial in association with the Jefferson Educational Society, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality, NWPA Pride Alliance, Compton's Table, Erie Community Foundation, and Erie LGBT Fund will host a viewing of the documentary film 'Matt Sheperd is a Friend of Mine' on Saturday, September 20, 4:00 pm at 225 W 10th St, Erie, PA. In attendance will be the producer of the film, Linda Karn, and special guests Judy and Dennis Shepard.

On October 12, 1998, Matthew Shepard died from following a vicious anti-gay attack. Matt's death opened the world's eyes to the hate and the inequality the LGBTQ+ community struggles against even today.

Matt's story, as told by his friends and family, shows us how love overcomes hate and mercy surpasses cruelty and intolerance. It hopes to inspire others to be proud of who they are and to live their lives with courage, compassion and forgiveness.

Following the showing there will be conversation with the producer, Linda Karn and special guests Judy & Dennis Shepard, Matt's parents. After Matt's murder, his parents became LGBTQ advocates and established the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

Tickets are required for a free event and can be obtained at www.luthermemorialonline.org. If you would like more information about the Matthew Shepard Foundation check out www.matthewshepard.org.

SWEET CORN PUDDING



Total Prep/Cook Time: 55 minutes

Prep: 20 minutes

Cook: 35 minutes

Servings: 3 to 5

Cook Temp: 350 degrees



Ingredients:

- 6 ears of sweet corn**
- 1/2 cup milk**
- 1/2 cup heavy cream**
- 1/2 shredded white cheddar cheese**
- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper**
- 2 eggs, beaten**
- Salt & fresh ground pepper**



Directions:

- ◇ **preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease casserole dish generously**
- ◇ **Shuck the corn and cut off kernels with a knife. Reserve the runoff juice from the corn**
- ◇ **Mix milk, heavy cream, cheese, cayenne pepper and eggs. Add in the runoff juice, salt and pepper. When mixed well, stir in the corn.**
- ◇ **Pour into the casserole dish and bake 35 minutes or until set.**

Wind Phone

Dedication Ceremony



We are honored to announce the installation of a Wind Phone on the grounds of Faith Lutheran Church in Erie, PA. Our Wind Phone is the first in Northwestern PA and provides a quiet space where anyone can reach out to loved ones they've lost, share what's on their heart, and let the wind carry their words.

Date: Sunday, September 21, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m.

**Location: Faith Lutheran Church
5414 East Lake Road
Erie, PA 16511**

Light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

We warmly welcome funeral home directors, grief counselors, community leaders, and all who walk alongside those in grief. Your presence will help us honor and bless this space together.

We look forward to sharing this moment of remembrance of hope with you.

Please join us as we dedicate this meaningful space to our community!

Kindly R.S.V.P. by September 17, 2025
(814) 899-9653 or to faithpastor@gmail.com

To learn more about Wind Phones visit: www.mywindphones.com

A "wind phone" is a disconnected telephone in a designated space that people use to communicate with their deceased loved ones. It is a place for expressing grief and finding comfort by "speaking" to those they have lost.

The first wind phone was created by Itaru Sasaki in Japan following the death of his cousin. Itaru installed a disconnected phone booth in his garden as a way to "talk" to his cousin.

After the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami, Itaru opened his wind phone to the public, offering a space for grieving individuals to connect with their lost loved ones. The concept has since spread, with wind phones found in several countries.



Green Corner NWPA Synod Green Team

Conservation and Schools

As the world faces growing environmental challenges like waste disposal, air pollution, and climate change, schools can play a role in conserving the planet. By adopting sustainable practices schools can not only contribute to conserving the environment, but set an example and teach the future generations in their care sustainable practices.

How can schools help with these challenges? How might we help? As a parent or community member work with your local school personnel and encourage them to:

- Organize classroom projects where students collect recyclable materials to create art or functional items. And practice recycling in all areas of the school: plastic, cans, paper.
- Encourage children and staff to switch off all appliances and lights when not in use. Can your local school install solar panels? Are they using efficient lighting, heating and air conditioning?
- Encourage students and staff to properly shut-off water sources and report dripping spigots.
- Institute "Share Tables" in the cafeteria, where students may return unused items they choose not to eat. Offer these items to other students, during the lunch period or after school.
- Develop a procedure for composting school cafeteria food scraps, for use in neighborhood or school gardens. Encourage school gardens with food grown to be used in the cafeteria.
- Work with your school to eliminate single-use and disposable items in the cafeteria, such as Styrofoam, straws, single-use water bottles and plastic utensils. Encourage use of milk cartons and juice boxes that can be recycled.
- Offer opportunities for students to participate in community clean-up events, planting PA native activities, and other initiatives that promote environmental conservation.
- Organize outdoor learning sessions, such as science classes held in school gardens and other ecological processes in a real-world context.

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.

Like and follow us on Facebook: [Northwestern PA Synod Green Team – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#).

Contact us at: nwpasynodgreenteam@gmail.com

September 2025



Holy Cross Day

September 14th

Holy Cross Day is the only holy day Lutherans observe concerning a *thing*—not a person or event!

September 14th is the date of this feast that commemorates the Holy Cross of our Lord and Glorious Victor, Jesus Christ.

BRIEF HISTORY:

This observance dates back to the time of St. Helena, Empress and mother of Constantine. St. Helena is said to have discovered the authentic cross in May of 329. After her conversion, St. Helena traveled to the holy land where she began building churches and looking for relics in places that were significant in Jesus' life and ministry. While in Jerusalem, she found what she believed to be the authentic cross on which Jesus was crucified.

Legend has it that she didn't find just one cross but THREE! So, she was unable to distinguish Jesus' cross from the others. To solve the problem, all three were taken to a sick woman; the woman touched the first cross and then the second, but nothing happened. When she touched the third cross, she was healed!

Over two centuries passed in which the discovery of the holy cross was commemorated annually on May 3rd. The pattern was broken when Persian King Chosroes II invaded Jerusalem and captured many of the relics, including the cross.

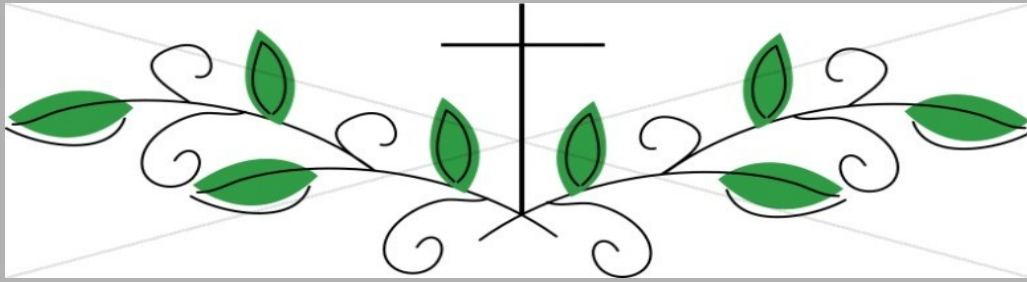
Emperor Heraclius of Constantinople, 300 years after the initial discovery of the true cross, recaptured the treasure and restored it to its place on September 14, 629 with greater solemnity than before. This inspired Rome to move the feast from May to September.

Both dates, May 3rd for Helena's mission and September 14th for the exaltation of the regained cross, continue to make it into sanctoral calendars .

St. Helena may have found Jesus' true cross, but whether she did or not, our joy for the crucifixion that Jesus underwent for our salvation remains the same. We take joy on this day in the knowledge that the crucifixion of Jesus took place here in time and physically on earth and on a real, physical tree.

This feast reminds us that the cross is a symbol of comfort for us Christians! That is why even the crosses that adorn our walls symbolize the world's redemption and the true image of love: Jesus laying down his life for sinners so that we might be His own.

Source: <https://allthehousehold.com/holy-cross-day/>



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09/07/2025 9:30 AM	Kostur	Debbie Reddit	Bill Reddit
09/14/2025 9:30 AM	Rev. Erik Young Pulpit Exchange Day	Anita Byrne	Cindy Eckman
09/21/2025 9:30AM	Allie Leitzel	Cindy Geddes	Zach Middaugh
09/28/2025 9:30 AM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Ron Middaugh



COUNTERS:
Cindy Geddes
Barb Coughlin

ALTAR GUILD
Penny Maloney
Sue Pfeiffer
Sally Leubin

Early English Bible Translation

William Tyndale (ca. 1494–1536)

John Wycliffe gets credit for producing the first complete English translation of the Bible, but the person historians widely recognize as the most important figure in the history of the English Bible is William Tyndale. Tyndale was a leading figure of the [Protestant Reformation](#), and he was the first person to create an English translation of the Bible using Hebrew and Greek manuscripts as the textual basis.

It is hard to overstate the importance of Tyndale's work, not only because he was focused on translating directly from the Hebrew and Greek but also because of his passion for creating a Bible that could be read by everyday people. This approach became the archetype for many future translations, and Tyndale's work was so significant that much of what we find in the King James Bible is a direct result of his efforts.

Much like Wycliffe, William Tyndale was met with opposition by the church, and he lived in exile for years in various locations throughout Europe. The first complete copies of his translation of the New Testament were produced in 1526 in the German city of Worms, but only after an earlier printing in Cologne had to be abandoned when authorities raided the printer's shop.

Tyndale also found himself on the wrong side of King Henry VIII when he publicly opposed the king's decision to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon. While working to complete his translation of the Old Testament in Belgium in 1535, Tyndale was betrayed by a so-called friend and arrested on charges of heresy. He was executed before he could complete his translation of the entire Bible. Despite his untimely death, William Tyndale's work carried on.

The period spanning the Middle Ages to the Reformation era saw a flurry of activity in the realm of Bible translations. Numerous individuals and groups, often risking their lives, committed themselves to the monumental task of editing and improving upon the initial work of William Tyndale.

It cannot be overstated how important these remarkable contributions were to the ongoing development of the Bible in English. By the beginning of the seventeenth century, the unauthorized Geneva Bible had gained widespread popularity, vastly outpacing the Church of England's officially recognized Bishops' Bible.

However, with the ascension of King James to the throne in 1603, a new directive was issued. The king sought to outdo all previous translations by commissioning a superior version of the Bible. This new iteration, simply called the Authorized Version, would eventually become known as the [King James Bible](#).

September



	1 Labor Day	2 AA Mtg 7:30 pm	3 Tops 9:30 am AA Mtg 7:30 pm	4	5 AA 7 pm Game Night 7 pm	6
7 Worship 9:30 am Sun Quarter Sunday Coffee Hour	8 Quilters 9:30 am Flagship City Chorus 7 pm	9 AA Mtg 7:30 pm	10 Tops 9:30 am AA Mtg 7:30 pm	11 Bible Study 11 am Choir 12 pm	12 Bible Study 6 pm AA 7 pm Game Night 7 pm	13
14 Pulpit Exchange, Holy Cross Day Worship 9:30 am w/ Erik Young	15 Quilters 9:30 am Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Pastor Vacay	16 AA Mtg 7:30 pm Pastor Vacay	17 Tops 9:30 am AA Mtg 7:30 pm Pastir Vacay	18 Bible Study 11 am Choir 12 pm Pastor Vacay	19 Bible Study 6 pm AA 7 pm Game Night 7 pm Pastor Vacay	20 Pastor Vacay
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SEPTEMBER

WEATHER FOLKLORE

For us, September is the gateway into autumn and then the colder months. Nature is in the transition as temperatures drop and leaves change. Our ancestors paid close attention to the signs from nature as they prepared for their harvests and for the long, cold, winter months ahead. They then turned their observations, which have been gathered over a long period of time, into proverbs that were then passed down from generation to generation.

- ◇ Fair on the firs of September, fair the entire month.
- ◇ If the storms in September clear off warm, all the storms of the following winter will be warm.
- ◇ When September has been rainy, the following May is generally dry. When May is dry September is apt to be wet.
- ◇ Thunder in September indicates a good crop of grains and fruits the next year.
- ◇ The first snowfall comes six weeks after the last thunderstorm in September.
- ◇ Whatever the weather is on September 6th, so shall it be for the next four weeks.
- ◇ No rain on the Holy Cross, no rain for six weeks.
- ◇ The three days of September 21, 23 and 24 rule the weather for October, November and December.
- ◇ If there is clear weather on St. Maurice's Day (Sept. 22), heavy winds will rage in the following winter.

The History of the Amazing Sunflower



The story of sunflowers is indeed amazing! The wild sunflower is native to North America but commercialization of the plant took place in Russia. It was only recently the sunflower plant returned to North America to become a cultivated crop. But it was the American Indian who first domesticated the plant into a single headed plant with a variety of seed colors including black, white, red and black/white striped.

Sunflower was a common crop among American Indian tribes. Seed was ground or pounded into flour for cakes, mush or bread. Some tribes mixed the meal with other vegetables such as beans, squash and corn. The seed was also cracked and eaten for a snack. There are references of squeezing the oil from the seed and using the oil in making bread.

Non-food uses include purple dye for textiles, body painting and other decorations. Parts of the plant were used medicinally ranging from snakebites to other body ointments. The oil of the seed was used on the skin and hair. The dried stalk was used as a building material. The plant and the seeds were used widely in ceremonies.

The exotic North American plant was taken to Europe by Spanish explorers some time around 1500. The plant became widespread throughout present-day Western Europe, mainly as an ornamental, but some medicinal uses were developed. By 1716, an English patent was granted for squeezing the oil from sunflower seeds.

Sunflowers became very popular as a cultivated plant in the 18th century. Most of the credit is given to Peter the Great. By 1769 literature mentions sunflower cultivated oil products. By 1830 sunflower oil was produced on a commercial scale. By the early 19th century, Russian farmers were growing over 2 million acres of sunflowers.

By the late 19th century, Russian sunflower seeds found its way back into the US. By 1880 seed companies were advertising the “Mammoth Russian” sunflower. This particular seed name was still being offered in the US in 1970. Interestingly, the first commercial use for sunflower crops in the US was silage feed for poultry.

It was the Native Americans and the Russians who completed the early plant genetics of the sunflower and the North Americans who put the finishing touches on it in the form of hybridization. Those early ancestors would quickly recognize their contributions to today’s commercial sunflower, if they were here.





Uplifting Bible Verses for September



As we begin to transition from summer to autumn, September marks a profound time for reflection and renewal. This marks the time for a season of change, where nature starts to showcase all of its vibrant colors and a change to cooler temperatures. Our Bible offers countless verses that are not only an inspiration, but they also provide us direction as we navigate our daily lives and routines.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

"To everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted."

Philippians 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Psalms 27:14

"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

Isaiah 40:31

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Proverbs 3:9-10: "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

Ecclesiastes 3:11: "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart, yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

Immanuel

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Office Hours

8:30—12:30 Monday—Thursday

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Pastor Karen Kostur 814-833-4062

or Cell#: 724-557-2386

Pastor's Office Hours – Tuesday 1:00-3:00

Thursday, 9:30am-2:00pm

Church Caretaker: Wally Coughlin

Organist/Music Director: Allan Slovenkay

Admin. Ofc.: Brenda Matson

Sunday School

Coord: Anita Byrne & Janice
Kreger

Teachers: Anita Byrne & Pastor
Kostur & Brenda Durst

2025 Congregation & Church Council Officers

Pres: Rick Kuntz 814-572-3719

VP: Joe Byrne 814-397-7319

Sec.: Brenda Durst 814-873-0451

Fin. Sec.: Debbie Redditt 814-449-1855

Treasurer: Bill Redditt 814-833-9756

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

Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin

COFFEE HOUR 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ONGOING COLLECTION FOR LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Finance

Council liaison: Zack Middaugh

ANNUAL Budget

Property

Council liaison: 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: Debbie Madurski

Council Liaison: Brenda Durst

Worship & Music

Liaison to Worship: Joe Byrne

Christian Education

Council liaison: Mary Hauser

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/>