

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE NEWSLETTER 2023



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CELEBRATING NEW LIFE, NEW BEGINNINGS!!



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Grace & Peace

From the Pastor's Desk

Romans 12:12, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in affliction, persevere in prayer."

Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord, always. I will say it again, rejoice."

It is easy to rejoice when we see miracles happen. One of my clergy women friends had a miracle happen when her husband who was on life support, and she and her children were going in to say their last goodbyes, found him sitting up in bed talking and smiling without any support systems attached. That's an easy time to rejoice. But what if the morning hadn't happened that way, would there still have been rejoicing? As a Christian the answer would be yes because her husband would be resting in the arms of Jesus. But it's not that cut and dry, is it?

It is those times that we have to lean deeply into our faith and know that no matter what we can rejoice because we have the promise of Jesus, the promise that we will live through eternity. Now eternity might not sound enticing to everyone. I had a young confirmand at the first church that I served who questioned, "Who wants to live forever?" Looking deeper into his question I found that it came from his father, who was not a Christian, and who was not a very happy person. We talked about eternity, about what it means. That eternity isn't just after you die, but eternity is also the here and now.

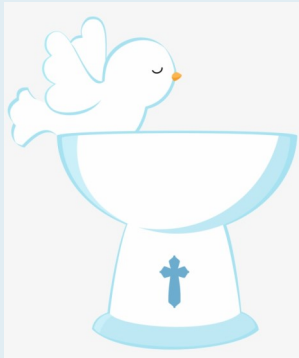
So if eternity is the here and now, why would we want to spend it being down in the dumps, defensive, and simply not enjoying our life? Unless we have severe depression, we can make the choice and we can choose to have joy. One of the ways that I have found that gives me the most joy is to think about what is good in this world. To think about how lucky I am and how blessed I am to live this life where I have persons of faith who surround me, and I have friends who are also faithful Christians. Perhaps you do not have that same circumstance in your life. I'm not saying that it is easy, but you can make the choice to find positive friends, friends who believe in Jesus, friends who are always cheerful. Cheerful people are not easy to find but, but they do exist.

Another way that I am able to find joy is to read the Bible, especially Ephesians and Philippians. When I realize how much Jesus did for me, how he left paradise to come to live on earth so that we can have a closer relationship with God, to understand what God expects of us, and to know how much God is willing to give us, not in material goods but in spiritual goods, it is an amazing thought, and I can't help but rejoice. I have found that when I rejoice in all circumstances, not because of the circumstance, but in the circumstance, it makes it far easier to get through whatever it is that is happening. That is God's gift to us.

I hope to be back in the office the end of June. If you need anything before then please contact the office and we will make sure that you have a pastoral presence if needed.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Karen

HOLY BAPTISM WADE OKAMI WEIXLMANN



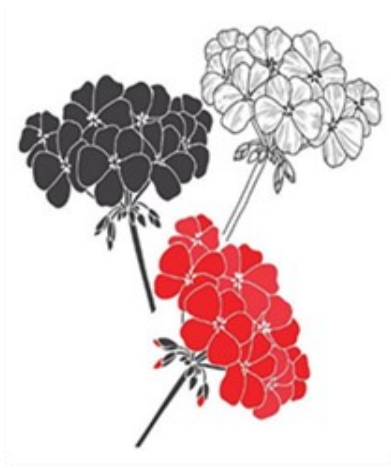
In the presence of his mother, Katrina Weixlmann, and father, Kyle Weixlmann, Wade Okami Weixlmann received his Holy Baptism on May 24, 2023. Baby Wade was blessed with God
Parents: Amanda Jenco and Jack Shaffer.



Election Day Book & Bake Sale

Our annual Election Day Book and Bake Sale took place on Tuesday, May 16 this year. Once again, your delicious baked goods and book donations helped to raise Immanuel Lutheran \$339.10. Thank you to everyone who took the time and energy to prepare homemade treats, gather books, and volunteer hours from their day to work, run and coordinate the sale itself. None of this would have been possible without your help.





Donations for Geraniums for Pentecost



- ❖ Richard and Brenda Durst in memory of: Margaret & Harold Durst and Reva & Harold Baker
- ❖ Rick Kuntz in memory of: Carolyn Kuntz
- ❖ Pastor Karen & Bill Kostur in memory of: Ruth Gray
- ❖ Diane McGranor in memory of: mother, Merndeen Hagler, and father, Myron Lindahl
- ❖ Bill & Debbie Redditt in memory of: Carolyn Kuntz, Alice & Sam Kuntz and Jeannine Kuntz
- ❖ David & Hannah Mays in memory of: Wilbur & Dora Mays and Charles & Anne Reed
- ❖ Wally & Barb Coughlin in memory of: George, Jo-Ann & Eric Popplewell and Dan, Sarah & Pat Coughlin and Jean Richardson
- ❖ Dave & Cindy Eckman in memory of: Dick & Pearl Young, Donald & Jeanette Eckman, and Lou Tuve
- ❖ Mike & Kim Lee in memory of: Justin & Janet Lee and Charlene Feiler
- ❖ Bob & Donna Dorler in memory of: Patricia Ann Dorler
- ❖ The Bonsell Family in memory of: Grandma Rita and Char Feiler
- ❖ Tom & Judy Stewart in memory of: Paul & Virginia Stewart, Edgar & Bridget Lauther and siblings/family & friends

 **Worship & Music**
In the news...

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

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](#)



We've got some BIG NEWS!

On July 2, 2023, we will host a second service of worship at 11:00 am. There will be a coffee hour after our 9:30 am service, then Pastor will lead the second service.

In an attempt to accommodate varying, busy schedules, we're testing the idea of multiple services. An announcement will be made at a later date if this second service will remain permanent.

Please take a moment to visit the Narthex or the Donation Station to sign up your favorite hymn.



YOU can have input in the music we sing!

COFFEE HOUR
1ST SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH.

Stop by the lounge after church service.
The Eckman's will be hosting.



Christian Education

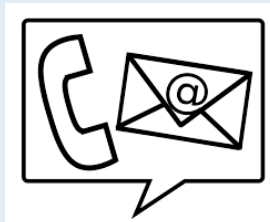
Are YOU interested in serving your church?



Immanuel Lutheran is looking for people interested in learning to Usher Or Assist as Worship Leaders during Sunday Service.

If you are interested in becoming an Usher, please contact Bob Dorler

Email: Dorlerr@yahoo.com
Phone: (814) 833-2719



Registration for Summer Camp 2023 has begun. Please visit www.lutherlyn.com for dates, prices, details, and registration!

First time campers get \$100 off with coupon code "FIRST". Visit lutherlyn.com/first for details.



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



To learn more about becoming an Assistant Worship Leader, please contact Pastor Karen

Email: pastorkaren.immanuel@gmail.com
Phone: (724) 557-2386

JUNE 2023 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lector	Lay Distributor
6/4/23 9:30 AM	David Olson	Debbie Reddit	Bill Redditt	Bob Dorler
6/11/23 9:30 AM	Jacque Holmberg		Bob Dorler	Bob Dorler
6/18/23 FATHER'S DAY 9:30 AM	Jen Kuntz		Richard Durst	
6/25/23 9:30 AM	Jen Kuntz	Stan Holsopple	Michael Patterson	



Altar Guild: Debbie Madurski
Counters: Kim Lee & Cindy Geddes
Ushers: Ushers as assigned by B. Dorler

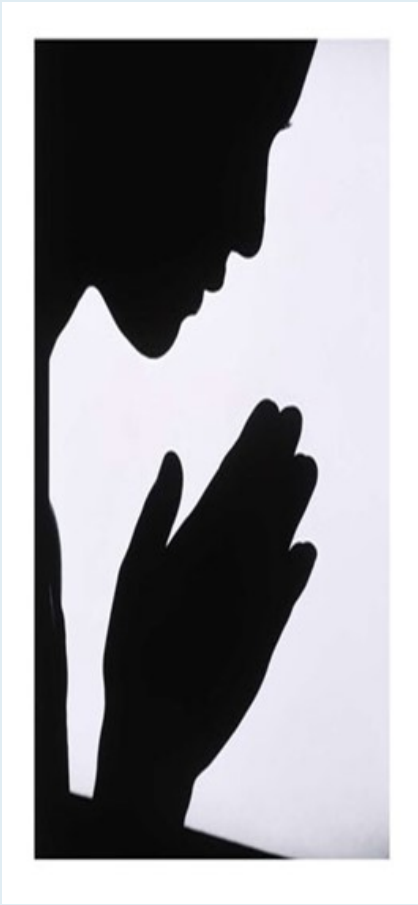
If you are unable to fulfill your commitment –
 please find an alternate & notify the church office.

Lectors:

Remember to
 adjust
 microphone
 towards you &
 speak into it
 for all to hear.

We continue to offer our services indoor or via drive-in service so if you can't be with us in person in the church, join us in our parking lots or in the immediate vicinity of the church and tune to 93.7 on your FM dial each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. You can also listen via speaker in our Nursery or Kindergarten Rooms.





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.



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.

KEEP IN PRAYER:

Pastor Karen and Bill Kostur
Denise Arnold and family of Lucie Arndt, her sister, Lana Huhn
The Botwright family
Ian Byrne
Connie Cooper
Mary Hauser's sister - Alice Tillotson
Jim & Lorraine Hornaman
Kyle Husted
Carol & Gordon Ketchel
Janet Gray – Pastor Karen's sister
Leslie
Patrick Lewis–friend of Sandy Kocur,
Sandy's cousin - Scott Farr and Sandy's close friend's son-in-law-John
Rick Kuntz
Bishop Michael Lozano
Diane McGranor
Zach Middaugh
Kathy – friend of Lori Nemenz
Carole Rickrode
Bob & Sharon Roemer
All of our members & friends who are grieving;
Who are in nursing homes;
Who are serving on the "front line" during the COVID pandemic
All who are ill at home

We pray for those in the military:

Scott Case– Navy, (C. Geddes nephew)

Congregational sympathy is shared with The Fager family on the passing of Sally Fager, a longtime member of Immanuel Lutheran, who passed away April 29, 2023.

Member Update: Sharon Roemer is now a resident of Fairview Manor.

Mailing address: 900 Manchester Road, Fairview, PA 16415

Your prayers & cards are appreciated.

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. WHEN PAYMENT IS MADE, PLEASE INCLUDE THIS NEW AMOUNT IN YOUR PAYMENT STARTING THIS MONTH! YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO BRING IN YOUR OWN PLANTS/FLOWERS FROM YOUR GARDEN, ETC.

June Birthdays

- 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



**June Anniversaries
Congratulations!**
to those celebrating their
anniversary

Ongoing Appeals Capital Campaign - Boiler:

Funds for the boiler campaign currently show \$23,113.68 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.



Getting a gift for the dad who seems to have everything can be a challenge. This year, rather than getting the standard tie or golf club, why not create a memory they'll have forever? There are a number of special events being hosted around the local area in honor of Father's Day. Whether your dad enjoys gardening, classic cars or something a little more adventurous, you're certain to find something perfect for the special man in your life.

June 15-18:

The Thurston Classic is a truly iconic event in our local area. Thousands of people gather each year to watch the hot air balloons take flight. With multiple takeoff times, it's easy to fit this special event into a busy Father's Day weekend. Take off begins from the Allegheny College Robertson Athletic Complex Friday at 7 pm and Saturday at 7 am. Bring your own blankets or chairs and come early to ensure a great spot for viewing.

204 Park Avenue, Meadville, PA

June 18:

Celebrate dad and help the local stray animal population: the ANNA Shelter's Annual Car, Truck, Van, Motorcycle and Vehicle Show. There will be food vendors, games for the whole family, and, of course, dozens of amazing automobiles waiting to be admired. With all the proceeds going towards the Anna Shelter, it's a great way for those dog-loving dads to give back to some less fortunate four-legged friends. 12:00 pm – 4:00 PM

Custom Audio

4453 W Ridge Rd, Erie, PA

Along the Garden Path

An informal guided garden tour for visitors of all ages. Bring your curiosity and questions with you to Goodell Gardens and learn more about many facets of horticulture. With spring in full bloom, this is a great time to get out and explore the new growth. The walk begins at 1:00 pm.

The Art and Science of Composting

Through a series of sessions, interested individuals can learn how to lessen their impact on the earth through the science of composting. The benefits go far beyond sustainability, helping to grow larger, healthier produce and plant life, all while continuing to enrich the soil for future years of planting. 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Goodell Gardens & Homestead

221 Waterford Street Route 6N, Edinboro, PA

Father's Day Splash Special

For those of you with little ones, this might just be the perfect way to spend your Father's Day. With the purchase of a regular-priced day pass, dad's will get into the water park free. They can spend the day floating down a lazy river, relaxing in a hot tub or spinning through tube slide after tube slide.

Splash Lagoon Indoor Waterpark

8091 Peach St, Erie, PA



Green Corner NWPA Synod Green Team

ELECTRIC VEHICLES: THE FUTURE

Upfront, the best advice we can provide about electric vehicles (EV) is to read an overview article, such as one published by Consumer Reports (CR) in February, 2023. Much of the following information is obtained from that article.

EVs are part of attempts to reduce climate change. The decision to purchase is complicated for many reasons, but well worth the effort.

In general, EVs still cost more in dollars than comparable fossil fuel (FF) vehicles. That price difference is shrinking. One question to ask is whether the dollars alone tell the story. What price do we put on saving the earth? Saving lives affected or lost due to climate change is just as important.

Following are some of the factors to consider regarding EVs.

Reliability: "A 2020 CR study found that EVs cut repair and maintenance costs by 50 percent over similar gas cars."

Fuel savings (including cost of electricity for charging): "The cost of the electricity to charge an EV is almost always hundreds of dollars less per year than the fuel expense for a similar gas-powered vehicle."

Tax credits by federal and state government: Depending on price, point of manufacture, and income of the buyer, credits of up to \$7,500; used EVs can also get a tax credit of up to \$4,000.

Rebates: In addition to federal tax credits, EV buyers can potentially save thousands thanks to state tax breaks for car buyers, lower electric rates for EV owners to charge at home at certain times, or discounts on installing an at-home charger.

Private industry offers: examples include "a \$500 rebate from a utility company if consumers buy or lease their car from a local dealership; a \$600; rebate and discounted electric rates depending on which charger they buy and when they plug in.

The range (miles) per full charge: even large vehicles are now achieving ranges greater than 300 miles.

Yes, it is a rather complex combination of factors – if you make cost the only criteria. Our challenge is to look beyond the cost in dollars to see how much is saved in terms of the health of all creation: humans, animals, plants, air, water – every thing!

June 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:30 am Worship 10:30 Coffee hour Quarter Sunday	5 Quilters 9:30 am Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir 7pm	6 AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	7 Tops 9:00 am AA Mtg. 7:30 pm	8	9	10
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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.: Delani Kinzig

Sunday School

Coord: Anita Byrne & Janice Kreger
Teachers: Anita Byrne & 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, George Pfeiffer,
Sally Leubin, Cindy Geddes, Mary
Hauser



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*



Communications

Council liaison: D.Redditt Committee Chair: vacant

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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/>

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NEWS NOW AND IN PRINT IN THE ERIE TIMES
NEWS**

Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin & Cindy Eckman
COFFEE HOUR 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
ONGOING COLLECTION FOR LITTLE FREE PANTRY
SOUP COOK BOOKET AVAILABLE

Finance

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer
ANNUAL AUDIT

Property

Council liaison: Bob Dorler Committee Chair: vacant
**FACILITY MAINTENANCE –OUTSIDE OUTLETS IN-
OPERABLE, RENTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE –
BATHROOM UPDATE POWELL AVE.**
ONGOING BOILER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Stewardship

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair: Debbie Madurski

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: Sue Pfeiffer

W&M COMMITTEE MTG: To Be Announced
DRIVE-IN AND INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES 9:30 A.M.