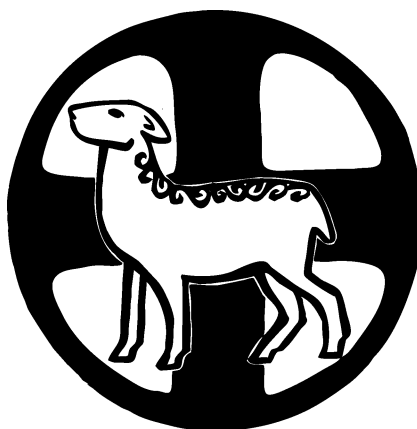


# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH MARCH NEWSLETTER 2023

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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. Communion, bulletins, etc. available. Using the overhang, you will be somewhat protected from the weather.



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**Grace & Peace**  
**from the Pastor's Desk**

*"Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life."*

*Romans 6:4*

Again, we are experiencing the season of Lent. It comes around every church year after the season following Epiphany. It is a time of drawing nearer to God with repentance and celebrating God's grace given to us through his Son, Jesus Christ.

The word "Lent" means "spring". Spring is a time of renewal, a time of waiting for the days to grow longer, for flowers to bloom, and trees to blossom. For the calming, refreshing, lifegiving spring showers. Lent is a contrast between the lifegiving waters and the dry desert times in the life of our Lord. It reminds us that when we are in those wilderness places there is always a baptismal hope, that through the waters of baptism we have been received into the family of God.

In seminary, my friend Molly used to like to describe baptism as being in a boat in the middle of a calm pond, jumping out of that boat and watching the ripples extend from you to the shore. There is the moment of your baptism, followed by experiencing the waves of grace throughout your life.

Another way of thinking of baptism is a death of the old life followed by the new life. This is significantly demonstrated when the baptism is by immersion (which I've never done), but the principle can be applied. When we are under the water we are surrounded like the tomb that surrounded Jesus in his death. Then when we break through the water we are brought to new life, like the resurrected Jesus.

As we journey together through this season of Lent we will be reminded of the seasons of the dry desert and the refreshing waters of baptism and rebirth. Water will be used to heal a man born blind. Moses will strike the rock in the desert and water will gush forth. Jesus will meet with a woman at a well. We will be reminded that our faith is not private; it may be personal but it is meant to be shared.

There was a revival of faith going on at Asbury University last month. It began as a few persons remained after the scheduled worship service to continue worshipping. And it didn't stop. It went on for about a week, with people from all over the world coming to the college to pray, repent, be renewed in their faith, or find faith for the first time in their lives. It was unscripted, no worship leader or praise band. People would stand up as they felt led to read scriptures, start a song, or pray. The only reason they came was to worship. This spread across the country and into Africa. Perhaps it is the beginning of another great awakening. We can only hope so.

As we experience Lent, let it be an experience. Allow worship to touch you. Open yourself to the presence of the triune God. Expect a great awakening to happen in your spirit.

If you'd like to talk with me, I am available. My cell is 724-557-2386, leave a message if I don't answer. I'm normally in the office on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 until 2. You can just drop in, (but it may be best to call on Tuesdays because sometimes I meet with other pastors on Tuesday mornings.)

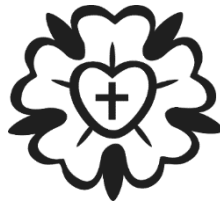
**Grace and Peace,**  
**Pastor Karen**



**Anyone who is interested in joining the church  
please speak with Pastor Karen**

## Christian Education

### ~ *Sharing the Good News* ~



We are ready, willing, and able to lead your young children into the life of blessings & hope shared in Sunday School. We feel this provides a firm foundation for the years ahead, both smooth-sailing & those that are challenging.

Our small classes are ideal for sharing, caring, and formative discussion. Sunday school for K-Adult starts after our 9:30 worship - approx. 10:30 am.

Contact the church office for more information.

P: 814-833-4062



Pastor Karen or an alternate will once again be offering  
Sunday School at 10:30  
~~~~~  
Join us for a lively discussion.

Mary Hauser is our new Council Liaison for Christian Ed in 2023



The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023) is **Pretzel Sunday** and on that Sunday the Christian Ed. Dept. will be handing out bagged pretzels to everyone. “The pretzel is a symbol of prayer. The twist in the pretzel is meant to look like hands in prayer. And pretzels are made with simple ingredients – no sugar, butter, eggs, milk, etc. In many cultures these “richer” ingredients are avoided or not used at all during Lent.”

#### CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION IN THE SPRING OF 2023:

Attend class the 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Sundays of the month from 10:30-11:30 for ages 13 or older and one Sunday a month, minimum, church worship attendance at 9:30 with a bulletin signed by Pastor Karen.



## Worship & Music

### in the News...

**Choir practice after  
Lenten worship on  
Wednesday.  
All are welcome**



Please join us for worship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. either indoors, or in our drive-in services. Sunday School K-Adult at 10:30 a.m.

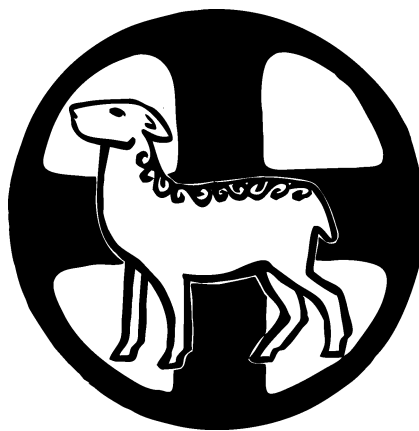
You can find Pastor Karen's latest sermons in print on our webpage here <http://www.ilc-erie.org/worship-.html> and the video is posted to our [Facebook page](#)

## COFFEE HOUR 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

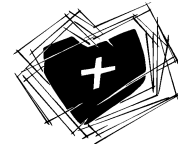
It will be in the lounge after church service. The Eckmans will be hosting.



*The Worship & Music committee has been meeting regularly. All are welcome to join this committee. Sue Pfeiffer is our committee chair and Debbie Redditt is the W&M Council liaison.*

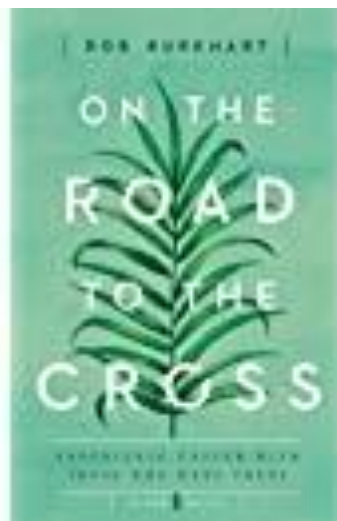


**LENTEN SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 7 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS STARTING ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>.**



### **The Lenten Study - "On the Road to the Cross"**

Using his imagination Rob Burkhart creates scenes that could be interactions of the lesser-known biblical characters who interact



with Jesus in the book "On the Road to the Cross". This interesting study which includes scenarios from the lives of the leper, the high priest's servant, the centurion, Cleopas, Nicodemus and more, along with their scriptural references, **will be hosted by Pastor Karen beginning at 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday**

**(February 22) and continue each Wednesday during the Lenten season in the 'kindergarten room'. Everyone is invited to attend.**

# LENTEN DISCIPLINES

- On Ash Wednesday Christians are reminded that, as disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. Repentance, prayer, fasting, and works of love—the disciplines of Lent—help us wage our spiritual warfare.
- These disciplines are not ways to influence God. Our relationship with God is established by grace. God's love through Jesus Christ is a gift. But the disciplines can deepen our relationship to God and God's people. They shape our lives and keep us in the real world where God has placed us to carry out our daily ministries. Each brings its own gracious gift.
- The disciplines also enable us to make Lent (which means *spring*) a time of renewal as we prepare for the Great Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Our need for renewal and God's call to struggle against sin make the disciplines things that are right for us to do.
- From the suggestions that are listed, pick one or more that can make Lent a season of renewal for you. Or take on others that would be meaningful for you.

## ***Prayer for the good of your soul***

*Prayer is living and doing all that we do in the conscious awareness of God.*

- Begin and end each day with a prayer of thanks to God.
- Say bedtime prayers with any children in your home.
- Make a list of 40 people and pray for one each day in Lent.
- Increase the quiet in your home. Turn off the TV and radio.
- Each day pray for someone or something you've heard about in the news.
- Spend 15 minutes each day to read Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John; or read the scripture verses from the previous Sunday in worship, or the coming Sunday.
- Read a book that will enrich your spiritual life.
- Seek out a pastor or a friend to be your spiritual companion during Lent. Talk about your relationship to God and issues of faith.

*\*Pray Martin Luther's Morning Prayer: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen*

## ***Fasting for the good of your body***

*Fasting makes us aware that our food and drink are gifts from God. It can also be a positive action that helps others.*

- Pick one habit that drags you down or keeps you from living fully, and let go of it.
- \*For the 6 weeks of Lent or 2-3 times a week, abstain from a favorite food or drink, a favorite activity, a favorite snack, or a favorite television program.
- \*Select one day a week when you will eat no meat, or consume only liquids. Pray for those who go to bed hungry.
- \*Set aside “financial fasting” days, when you will buy nothing.
- \*Give up chocolate for Lent. For Easter gifts for yourself and others, buy fair trade chocolate from Lutheran World Relief. The profit from fair trade goods goes directly to the growers or craftspeople, and they receive a fair price for their labor. (See [www.lwr.org/chocolate](http://www.lwr.org/chocolate)).
- \*Simplify your life in some way; for example, clean up a junk drawer, messy closet, or table top. Give good items to an organization where they'll be well used.
- \*Turn off lights when you leave the room. Recycle. Buy products with less packaging. Conserve water. Be good to the environment.

## ***Almsgiving for the good of your neighbor***

*Works of love are witnesses to God's love and help us serve others as Christ's disciples.*

- Each time you come to church during Lent, bring an item for the food pantry.
- Give 10% more to the church than you usually do.
- Offer to help a neighbor, family member, classmate, or co-worker with a tough chore. The help can be physical, emotional, or spiritual.
- Make a meal and take it to a homebound friend or neighbor. Visit a homebound member.
- Do a good deed that no one will know about.
- Say *I'm sorry* when you have hurt or failed someone.
- Learn about a group working for peace.
- Renew an old friendship.
- Call, write, or e-mail a public official, stating your views on an issue that concerns you.
- If you have made donations to an organization, make a visit to find out more about the workers and clients. Or visit its website, especially looking at the faces of people. Pray for those who benefit from your donation.

# **LENTEN FELLOWSHIP**

## **SPONSOR SCHEDULE**

**ALL ARE INVITED TO THE LOUNGE AFTER THE WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES TO JOIN IN FELLOWSHIP AND SHARE REFRESHMENTS SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING MINISTRY COMMITTEES:**

|             |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| <b>3/1</b>  | <b>CHOIR</b>           |
| <b>3/8</b>  | <b>F. O. G.</b>        |
| <b>3/15</b> | <b>COUNCIL</b>         |
| <b>3/22</b> | <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>   |
| <b>3/29</b> | <b>SOCIAL MINISTRY</b> |
| <b>4/5</b>  | <b>NO REFRESHMENTS</b> |





**EASTER FLOWERS,** I would like to give \_\_\_\_\_ flowers for the Special Offering for Easter Sunday at \$8.50 each.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **is enclosed.**

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate your preference below*

- \_\_\_\_\_ please have circle member deliver to shut in
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will deliver to shut in
- \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to pick up after late service

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**Instead of flowers** I would like to give \_\_\_\_\_ for the Special Offering for Easter Sunday to go towards eliminating hunger locally and globally.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **is enclosed.**

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

**PLACE FORM & DONATION IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR SEND TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MARCH 19, 2023.**





# Faith In Action



**meals on wheels erie**

4408 Peach Street, Suite 102  
Erie, PA 16509  
Office (814) 452-6930  
[www.MealsOnWheelsErie.org](http://www.MealsOnWheelsErie.org)  
[wecare@mealsonwheelserie.org](mailto:wecare@mealsonwheelserie.org)

16 January 2023

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1002 Powell Avenue  
Erie PA 16505

Dear Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church,


Thank you for your generous donation of \$331.00. We truly appreciate your kindness and support of delivering "more than a meal" to our neighbors most in need in Erie County.

Through special gifts of time, energy, and financial support, like yours, we are able to continue realizing our mission - promoting healthy, independent living through home delivery of nutrition services. Did you know that in 2022 we delivered almost 54,000 meals and grocery shopped over 1,000 times for our homebound elderly, Veterans, and permanently disabled neighbors? We couldn't do what we do without you.

Please know that this gift goes directly to the homebound senior meal program and helps us continue to do good work.

Thank you again for your kind support.

Warmest Regards,

  
Jennifer Hoffman  
Executive Director

Donation  
Amount:

\$331.00

Giving

Year: January 2023

*Metro-Erie Meals On Wheels, Inc., dba Meals On wheels Erie, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization,  
Federal Tax ID# 51-0200640. No goods or services were received in consideration of this gift.*

Home Delivered Meals, Grocery Shopping & Delivery Service



# National Quilting Day 2023

Do you enjoy working with others?

Want to make a GLOBAL impact?

Come join the Immanuel Lutheran  
“Close Enough” Quilters and learn how quilts are made  
for *Lutheran World Relief* around the world!

**No special skills needed!**

**All ages and skill levels welcome!**

**When: March 18, 2023**

**From 1:00-3:00**

**Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church**

**1002 Powell Ave**

**Erie, PA 16505**

**Ongoing demonstrations and  
interactive activities available!**

**Refreshments, too!**

For more information call/text Mary Hauser:814-397-7552 Financial

\*Support provided by Thrivent

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**L-R: Janice Kreger, Maryauser, Cindy Eckman, Donna Dorler, Debbie Madurski, Debbie Redditt and Judy Stewart**



**114 Quilts bound for Ukraine rescue efforts – shipping by Logistics+ from our “Close Enough” quilters**





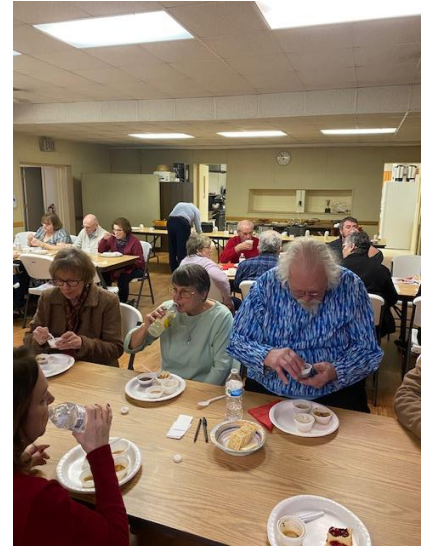
## 2023 FELLOWSHIP, OUTREACH & GROWTH – SOUP COOK-OFF

CHECK OUT THE 2023 SOUP COOK-OFF RECIPE BOOKLET – AVAIL.  
IN MARCH

A big thank you to Donna Dorler for compiling once again and  
thank you to all those who supported this tasty and fun event.

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY DEBBIE REDDITT

THERE WAS A TIE THIS YEAR!! – Mary Hauser & Debbie Redditt –  
Co-Winners!!



L-r



L-R: DAVE ECKMAN, DONNA DORLER, DEBBIE REDDITT, BRYAN TIMM,  
MARY HAUSER, DENISE ARNOLD, & BILL KOSTUR



MARCH 2023 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

| Date                                    | Presider | Assistant      | Lector           |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|----------------|------------------|
| 3/5/23<br>9:30 AM                       | Kostur   | Bob Dorler     | Claudia Skerlong |
| 3/12/23<br>9:30 AM                      | Kostur   | Debbie Redditt | Bill Redditt     |
| 3/19/23<br>9:30 AM<br>Pretzel<br>Sunday | Kostur   | Anita Byrne    | Anita Byrne      |
| 3/26/23<br>9:30 AM.                     | Kostur   | Stan Holsopple | Barb Coughlin    |

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



**Altar Guild:** D. Madurski **Counters:** S. Holsopple/D. Arnold  
**Ushers:** Ushers as assigned by B. Dorler

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

**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.**

## PROPERTY/COUNCIL UPDATE

### **BIG THANK YOU TO STAN HOLSOPPLE!!**

Stan Holsopple has been the Property Committee Chair for many years. Stan has decided to retire from this chair position but will be remaining on the Property Committee.

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***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.***

Please note that some trash and recycle cans have been removed from use by a Council decision. Unfortunately, trash was being put in recycling receptacles which compromises the recycling process or requires manual sorting. It is unfortunate that Immanuel's efforts to Care for God's Creation in this small way are deterred somewhat going forward.



*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:** The loved ones & friends of John Leubin; Denise Arnold's Mom Lucie Arndt and sister, Lana Huhn; Pam Anthony Lakewood VBS Coord.; the Botwright family; Ian Byrne; the family of Emily Winston; Mary Hauser's sister - Alice Tillotson; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman; Kyle Husted; Carol & Gordon Ketchel; the family of Nanci Gearhart – Pastor Karen's friend who passed recently; Janet Gray – Pastor Karen's sister; Leslie; Patrick Lewis–friend of S. Kocur, Sandy's cousin - Scott Farr and Sandy's close friend's son-in-law-John; 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 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 – serving stateside now per an update from Ann Neimann).

# 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.



## **March Birthdays**

|       |    |                              |
|-------|----|------------------------------|
| March | 3  | Julie Molnar                 |
|       | 4  | Julie Sierota                |
|       | 7  | Joe Byrne                    |
|       | 8  | Stephanie Wood               |
|       | 11 | Ava Fetcko                   |
|       | 25 | Lori Nemenz/Isaiah Guthrie   |
|       | 27 | J. Swanson/S. Fager/M. Moore |
|       | 31 | Mary Hauser                  |

Everyone enjoys receiving a card!

## **March Anniversaries Congratulations!**

to those celebrating their anniversary on:  
31 Joseph & Penny Maloney

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.

## **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.

**Holy Trinity - Soup/Pasta Kitchen & Food Pantry**  
**The Souper Bowl of Caring Collection**  
brought in \$420.00 for this ministry.

*THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT.*

## **LITTLE FREE PANTRY AT IMMANUEL**

**IF IN NEED –**

**TAKE SOMETHING**

**IF YOU CAN SHARE -**

**LEAVE SOMETHING**

Feel free to bring items to church & we will make sure they get in the pantry for you.



### Spring is Coming...

And no matter what the groundhog said, it will be here soon and thoughts of spring cleaning will be with us. A good question for this month is “How can we clean in an environmentally friendly way?”

Let’s start with some very general ideas that can help us to reuse and/or recycle:

1. Swap plastic bottles for glass ones
2. Opt for reusable cleaning cloths
3. Try homemade cleaning solutions
4. Switch to eco-friendly laundry detergent
5. Repurpose old toothbrushes
6. Switch to natural sponges
7. Substitute a dryer sheet for a reusable alternative

Some items that you may already have at home are good starts for ways to clean green:

**White vinegar:** An antifungal that also kills germs and bacteria.

**Baking soda:** Eliminates odors and works as a gentle scouring powder.

**Borax:** this is the common name for the natural mineral compound sodium borate that eliminates odors, removes dirt, and acts as an antifungal and possible disinfectant.

There are many environmentally friendly cleaning products that you can purchase. Rather than trying to list them all here, please do a “Google search” for

- Environmentally friendly cleaning products
- Best Natural Cleaning Brands in 2023

Good luck and enjoy a “green spring”!

According to the USDA, 30 – 40% of the American food supply is wasted. The best way to avoid food waste at home is to simply not buy too much food. That is particularly important for fresh produce which can spoil quickly.

Storing produce properly can help extend its life. Fruit may ripen more quickly than you can use it, especially when stored in plastic. Vegetables are sensitive to ripening gases, so a basic rule is to separate fruit and vegetables. Some produce does best on the counter; others, in a cool, dry place; and some is better in the fridge.







More information and details by various types of fruits and vegetables is available at the following website:

<https://zerowastechef.com/2017/01/20/store-produce-without-plastic/>

# MARCH 2023



JOIN US AS WE TRAVEL TOGETHER  
THROUGH LENT...

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                      | Tuesday                                                | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                            | Thursday  | Friday                                                                                                                                                 | Saturday                                                                           |
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| <b>5</b><br>9:30 Worship<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>& Confirmation class<br>QUARTER SUNDAY<br> <b>COFFEE HOUR</b>                                                                                                    | <b>6</b><br>QUILTERS 9:30 A.M.<br><br>FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM<br>FLUTE CHOIR 7 P.M.                                                                                                       | <b>7</b><br>AA 7:30 PM                                 | <b>8</b><br>TOPS 9:00 A.M.<br><b>BOOK STUDY 6 P.M.</b><br><b>WORSHIP 7 P.M.</b><br>FOLLOWED BY<br>FELLOWSHIP &<br>CHOIR<br>AA MTG 7:30 P.M.                                          | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>AA 7:30 PM                                                                                                                                | <b>11</b>                                                                          |
| <b>12</b><br>9:30 Worship<br><br><b>BAPTISM</b> <br>10:30 Sunday School<br><b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS</b>  <b>SPRING AHEAD</b> | <b>13</b><br>QUILTERS 9:30 A.M.<br>FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM<br>FLUTE CHOIR 7 P.M.                                                                                                          | <b>14</b><br>AA 7:30 PM                                | <b>15</b><br>TOPS 9:00 A.M.<br><b>BOOK STUDY 6 P.M.</b><br><b>WORSHIP 7 P.M.</b><br>FOLLOWED BY<br>FELLOWSHIP &<br>CHOIR<br>AA MTG 7:30 P.M.<br><br><b>April Newsletter Deadline</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>AA 7:30 PM<br><b>HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b><br><br> | <b>18</b><br><b>NATIONAL QUILTING DAY EVENT 1-3 P.M. AT CHURCH ALL ARE WELCOME</b> |
| <b>19</b> <b>PRETZEL SUNDAY</b><br><br><br>9:30 Worship<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>& Confirmation class                                                                                                            | <b>20</b><br>QUILTERS 9:30 A.M.<br>FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM<br>FLUTE CHOIR 7 P.M.<br><br>SPRING BEGINS  | <b>21</b><br><b>PROP. COMM. MTG.</b><br><br>AA 7:30 PM | <b>22</b><br>TOPS 9:00 A.M.<br><b>BOOK STUDY 6 P.M.</b><br><b>WORSHIP 7 P.M.</b><br>FOLLOWED BY<br>FELLOWSHIP &<br>CHOIR<br>AA MTG 7:30 P.M.                                         | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br>AA 7:30 PM                                                                                                                                | <b>25</b>                                                                          |
| <b>26</b><br>9:30 Worship<br>10:30 Sunday School                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>27</b><br><b>QUILTERS 9:30 A.M.</b><br><br>FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM<br>FLUTE CHOIR 7 P.M.                                                                                               | <b>28</b><br>AA 7:30 PM                                | <b>29</b><br>TOPS 9:00 A.M.<br><b>BOOK STUDY 6 P.M.</b><br><b>WORSHIP 7 P.M.</b><br>FOLLOWED BY<br>FELLOWSHIP &<br>CHOIR<br>AA MTG 7:30 P.M.                                         | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                    |



## Immanuel Hour

Church Office –  
814-833-4062  
Hours: M-Th.  
8:30am-12:30pm

[immluthch@verizon.net](mailto:immluthch@verizon.net)

### Staff

Pastor Karen Kostur 814-833-4062  
or Emergency #: 724-557-2386  
Pastor's Office Hours – Tues &  
Thurs.9:30am-2:00pm  
Church Caretaker: Wally Coughlin  
Organist/Music Director: Bryan  
Timm  
Admin. Ofc.: Lori Swanson  
Nemenz (*retiring at the end of March*)

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

### Christian Education

Council liaison: Mary Hauser

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERED EVERY SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.**  
**CONFIRMATION 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.**  
**LENTEN BOOK STUDY: WEDNESDAYS 6 P.M. STARTING 2/22**

### Communications

Council liaison: D.Redditt Committee Chair: vacant

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IN PRINT IN THE ERIE TIMES NEWS**

### Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin & Cindy Eckman  
**COFFEE HOUR 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**ONGOING COLLECTION FOR LITTLE FREE PANTRY**

### Finance

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer  
**ANNUAL AUDIT**

### Property

Council liaison: Bob Dorler Committee Chair: vacant  
**FACILITY MAINTENANCE –OUTSIDE OUTLETS INOPERABLE, 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: all are welcome**  
**DRIVE-IN AND INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES 9:30 A.M.**  
**ASH WED. NOONTIME AND 7 P.M. WORSHIP**  
**LENT BOOK STUDY 6 P.M. EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTING 2/22**  
**LENT SERVICES 7 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY**