

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021

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**Drive-In worship participants** we are asking you to drive up to the door/overhang at the Education wing in the main (south) parking lot. The usher will hand out communion, bulletins and receive offerings. Using the overhang, the usher will be somewhat protected from the weather and will also not have to cross the street!

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# Grace & Peace from the Pastor's Desk

*Here we are, November*, the month we give thanks! Of course, the roots for this tradition come from a small group of colonists surviving the harsh winter with the help of the Native Americans. At least that's why we think we celebrate it... in reality, according to the history of Massachusetts blog, it was a celebration of the harvest with fowl supplied by the colonists and venison supplied by the Wampanoag Indians of a nearby village.



53 colonists, 27 of them children and teenagers, and 90 Native Americans, including Squanto and the Indian leader Massasoit, sat at table together. They hadn't heard of sweet potatoes yet, and they didn't have potatoes. Cranberries weren't sweetened. There was no butter or flour to make pies. They most likely ate lobster and mussels, grapes, plums, corn, and herbs along with their fowl and venison according to what was written in the diaries of Edward Winslow and William Bradford. Thanksgiving wasn't even recognized in the US until the editor of Godey's Lady's Book, Sarah Josepha Hale, read Winslow's writings and decided to make it her mission to rekindle the harvest festival in the 1840's making it the popular holiday it is today.

As I searched the Bible for passages including "thanksgiving", I found most of the Old Testament verses included thanksgiving offerings to God. The 2 Thessalonians 1:3 verse is from the New Testament and doesn't include a sacrifice associated with thanksgiving. It is a very pertinent verse for today's times. "We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing." In this cultural climate I wonder how many times we give thanks for one another, especially those who don't see eye to eye with our thoughts. I wonder how is our faith in God growing? How is our love for one another growing? Are we speaking to each other in love? Are we caring for one another in love? Let us love one another because God is love.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Philippians 4:6 "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." It's so easy to worry. It's so easy to hold onto those things that cause us distress. It's so easy to just say, "Give them to God," but most of us find that difficult to do. We forget that we have been instructed to give it to God and let it go. To be thankful that God will take our burdens. We have been told to give thanks in everything; not because of what is happening, but despite what is happening. When we give our troubles to God with thanksgiving and belief, God will take care of the problem. Maybe not in our timing. Maybe not as we would have it done. But God will take care of it.

So, as you eat your turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, corn, cranberry sauce and whatever else you traditionally serve, may you remember to give thanks for unseen blessings, for people from whom you can learn, and for a country where we can celebrate our beliefs.

As always, if you would like to talk with me about anything I'm in the office Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 am – 2:00 pm, call or drop in, or my cell phone is 724-557-2386 call me anytime, leave a message if I don't answer. Or send me an e-mail at [pastorkaren.immanuel@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkaren.immanuel@gmail.com)

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

## Christian Education



~ *Sharing the  
Good News* ~

**REMINDER:** Our  
next Confirmand  
Meeting will be  
November 3rd  
after worship  
with Pastor Karen  
- we hope all 6  
of our

**Confirmand  
Candidates can**

**join us:**

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

## SAVE THE DATES

Confirmand Meeting - 11/7 - 10:30 a.m.  
Mitten Trees to be put up by students - 11/21  
Special Mission Collection - 11/28  
(for the West Millcreek Food Pantry)  
Advent study begins - all are welcome - 11/28  
(more info under Worship & Music News)  
Confirmand Meeting - 12/5 - 10:30 a.m.  
Christmas Program - 12/19 during worship



**CONGRATULATIONS JANICE KREGGER -- 50 YRS!!**  
Thank you for your devotion and for continuing to share  
your time & talent in our Christian Education program  
at Immanuel.

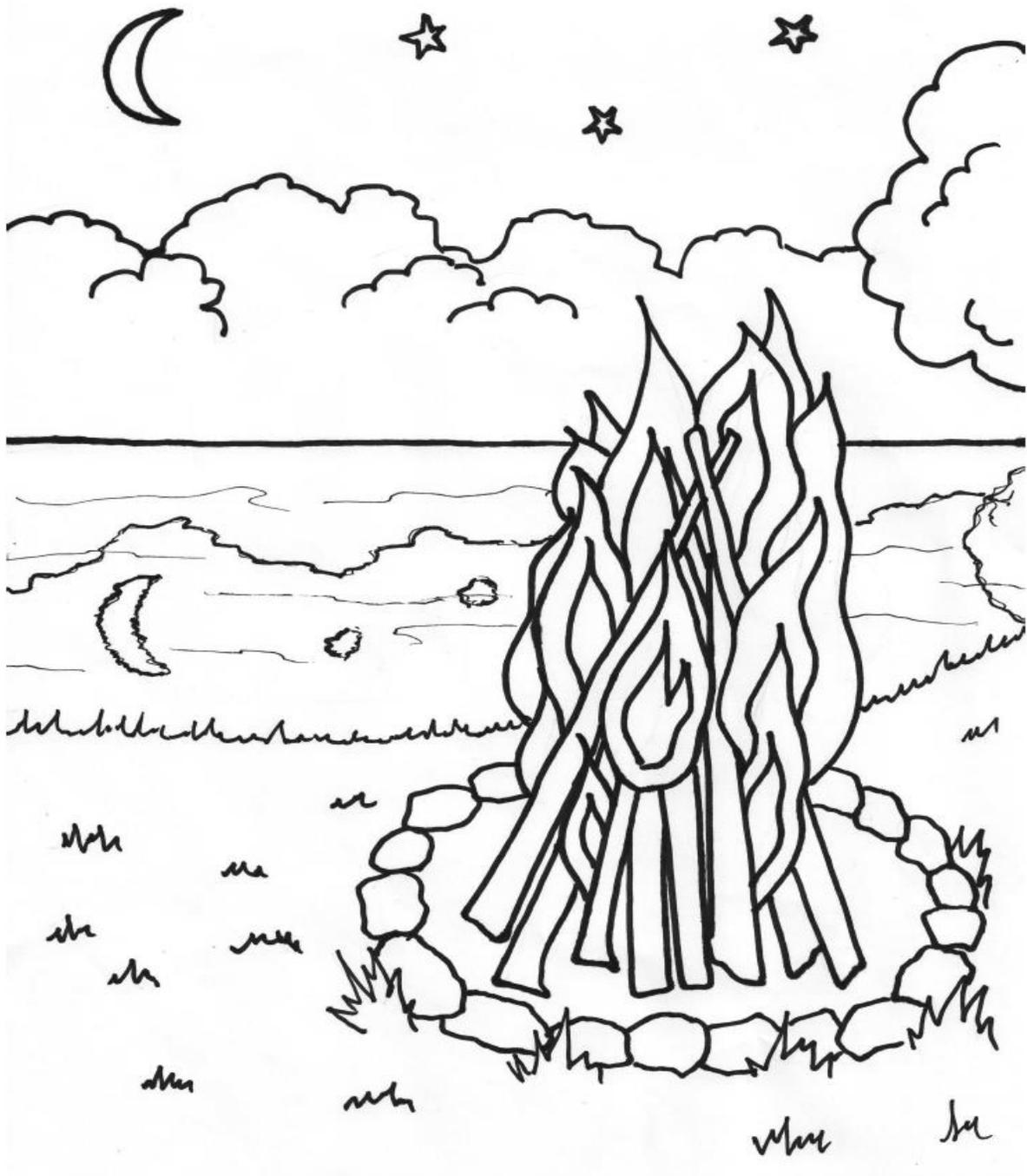
## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL/BOOK STUDY

Pastor Kostur is leading our adult Sunday School/Bible  
study this year and it is taking place in the lounge after  
worship unless otherwise indicated.

*Exception: Since the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month is already  
reserved for the Confirmand meeting, there will be some  
interesting alternatives each month for that 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday.*

As we move ahead in the year - we look back on the fun of Summer and Fall and share this nice, calming scene from the Camp Lutherlyn coloring book - (copies available in the Narthex) - relax, share your creativity - even add yourself, furry friends, loved ones in your version.

**If you like - share the finished product with the office so we can post some of them throughout the church. Take time to relax, let go and let God!**



**There is a campfire with singing and skits every evening at camp. Sometimes we make s'mores!**

# PROGRESS ON THE NEW BOILER SYSTEM

The boiler room in Leubin-McCray Hall is taking on a new look!

## Four LAARS Mascot boiler units

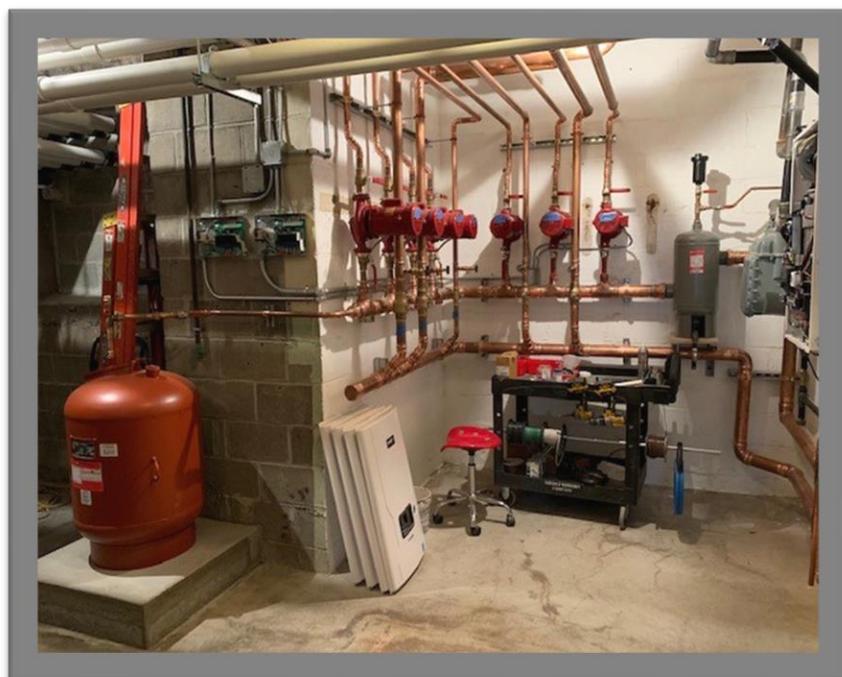
David J. Winston & Co. has been working non-stop since the beginning of September to remove the old boiler units and install the four new LAARS Mascot boiler units, pumps, piping and an expansion tank. The work is expected to be completed by the end of October.



Total cost to replace the boiler system is \$58,803.64 and was approved at a congregational meeting on August 8, 2021. A capital campaign is currently underway and the current total to date is \$8,725.

## New piping and expansion tank

A rummage sale fundraiser is being planned for Spring 2022. Donations may be brought and stored at the church on the second floor of the Education Wing. Please see our church Administrative Asst. for assistance.



## PROPERTY COMMITTEE



Your Property Committee has had a busy year. Not only was there research and decisions on a new boiler system, but the committee was also busy preparing one of our rental houses for the market and maintaining the property.

During the past year, discussions were held to replace the rotting wood on the back of the garage to the West 10<sup>th</sup> street rental house. At the September property meeting plans were made to replace the damaged wood siding. A big thank you to our volunteers for completing this project in

October. The new wood siding was painted and stones were added for drainage. A decision was made to scrape and repaint the remaining sides of the garage. Thank you to Rick Kuntz, Stan Holsopple, Tom Stewart, Wally Coughlin, Bob Dorler Bill Redditt and Debbie Redditt.



**Did  
you  
know...**



The property at 3817 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street was built in 1940. The house is a two-story, 1294 square foot, four-bedroom home on nearly a half-acre. It was purchased by Immanuel on April 28, 1960 and used as the church parsonage. At that time, the land and building were assessed for \$11,990.

The property today is assessed for nearly \$95,400.

Immanuel's rental house at 1028 Powell Avenue was built in 1954.

The cape style home is 912 square foot and sits on a quarter acre.

The home was purchased by Immanuel on November 13, 1991 for \$54,000. Today it is assessed for \$93,800.





# Immanuel Worship Calendar

NOVEMBER 2021 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lector
11/7/21 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - "FALL BACK" 9:30 AM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Bob Dorler
11/14/21 9:30 AM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Debbie Madurski
11/21/21 9:30 AM	Kostur	Nita Byrne	Bob Dorler
11/28/21 9:30 AM	Kostur	Cindy Geddes	Cindy Geddes

**Volunteers Welcome**

## Counters and Ushers needed in 2022

We would welcome additional folks to join us in both of these church tasks. Please see the lists in this newsletter and reach out to Cindy Geddes for Counters and Bob Dorler for Ushers if you think you'd like to give this a try.

**Altar Guild:** J. Stewart/Donna Dorler **Counters:** C. Feiler/D. Madurski  
**Ushers:** Ushers as assigned by B. Dorler

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

**\*Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for December\***  
**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

### **INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING EFFORT HAS ENDED**

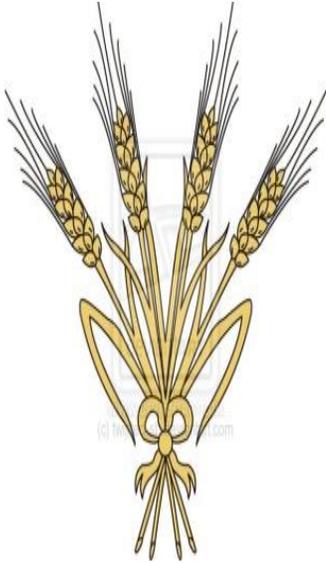
Please note that we are no longer collecting ink cartridges for recycling but appreciate your support of this effort over the years. We encourage you to continue to recycle them where you purchased them or directly to the manufacturer.

**Reason:** The recycling company is significantly limiting those for which they will provide compensation and has now instituted a fee for sending incorrect cartridges so sorting time has greatly increased.

Thank you – Admin. Office

# All Saint's Sunday

November 7, 2021



*The sheaf of wheat is a Christian symbol that death is not an end, but the beginning of life eternal. The mature grain in the sheaf represents the promise of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*We remember, with a white candle, those of our congregation who have gone on before us this year.*

**Carolyn R. Kuntz – October 31, 2020**

**Joseph E. Sierota - January 27, 2021**

**Ron Cooper – February 11, 2021**

**Alice Margaret Ebert Mountjoy and Donald Arthur Mountjoy passed away hours apart on February 23, 2021**

*We also remember with the tolling of the bell, friends of our congregation who have gone on before us.*

Jane Andrews

Elizabeth Ferguson

Phyllis Lindahl

Jeanne Richardson

The men, women, and children who have died because of hate crimes and violence in cities and towns across America and around the world.



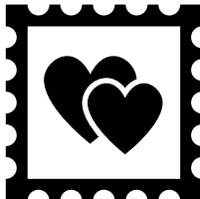
### **Shut-In Ministry**

***No time in your busy life for much more?  
How about just an occasional phone call or card?***

***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.***

### **Current Shut-in list:**

***Judi Casler and Sally Fager.***



**KEEP IN PRAYER:** The Redditt family on the passing of Bill's Mom – Jane Andrews; prayers for Denise Arnold's Mom - Lucie Arndt and brother-in-law Pastor Huhn; John & Tim Botwright and their wives; Bob; the Feiler & Lee families; Carol McCray's sister Marilyn; Cindy Geddes' family friend Deedee; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Kyle Husted, Jim Kuntz, Pastor Karen's friend - Nancy Leonard; Leslie; family friend of S. Kocur - Patrick Lewis; Bishop Michael Lozano, Debbie Redditt's friends - Nathan Pelletier and Gayanne Nieratko, Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, Pastor Karen's friend - Jan Rowe; Dr. Carl Seon; Tim; Pastor Roy Washill, and the Washill family and Pastor Al Gesler and his family as they face serious health challenges; and all of our members who are grieving; who are in nursing homes, who are serving on the "front line" during the COVID-19/Delta 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).

*Please remember the members of Immanuel who are "shut in," and cannot make it to service, you may want to offer them a ride, give them a friendly call, send them a card. The current Shut-In Mailing List is available in the office or the church directory.*

# FAITH

# IN

# ACTION



**Annual Quilt  
Blessing  
and Collection of  
Quilts & Kits from  
our area**

81 personal hygiene  
kits

82 school kits

50 quilts  
and 10 baby kits

were collected and transported to the LWR  
collection point (Thanks again Cindy & Dave Eckman)

Immanuel had 50 quilts and 61 personal hygiene  
kits.

*Thanks to all – figures submitted by C. Eckman*



**All Immanuel  
Lutheran sewers:** It is  
time to sew hats for the  
men and women at the  
Community Shelter.  
Watch the bulletin for  
date and time.

**Photo credits  
– D. Redditt**



Faith

In

Action

## Creation Care with Eco-Friendly Wrapping

As Christmas approaches, here are some ideas for earth-friendly wrapping. Consider using alternatives to traditional wrapping, such as:

- Newspaper or brown paper rolls (kids can decorate with markers or Christmas card cut-outs)
- Reusable shopping bags (preferably cotton)
- Re-use gift bags (make it fun - see how many years you can use the same one)
- Christmas cards make great gift tags
- Wrap items in a t-shirt
- Wrap items in a tablecloth or blanket
- Instead of ribbon,
  - Use 100% cotton yarn (such as Sugar and Cream, available in many colors)
  - Use jute twine (100% biodegradable); add a fresh holly sprig for color
- Avoid shiny, glossy wrapping, as it is not recyclable
- If giving multiple gifts to a person/family, place them unwrapped in one (reusable) bag and have the recipient select one at a time. (No peeking inside first!)

*Martin Luther, "God is wholly present in all creation, in every corner, behind you and before you." (LW 51:43)*

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](mailto:nwpasynodgreenteam@gmail.com)

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

## Worship & Music in the News...

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



For OneDrive login page,  
click here:

[https://onedrive.live.com/  
about/en-us/signin/](https://onedrive.live.com/about/en-us/signin/)

You can find Pastor Karen's  
latest sermons in print on  
our webpage here

[http://www.ilc-erie.org/worship-  
.html](http://www.ilc-erie.org/worship-.html)



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

**CHOIR REHEARSAL THURSDAY AT 7:15 P.M.  
AND  
ON SUNDAY MORNING AT 8:45 A.M.**

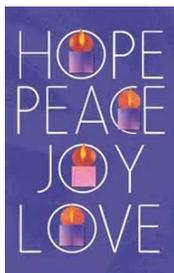
**TRAIL OF TREATS – thank you to all  
who supported this community  
outreach and FUN event!!**

Starting Nov.7



**COFFEE HOUR**  
will return the  
**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH.**

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



**ADVENT BOOK STUDY –  
SUNDAYS 10:30 A.M.**

Advent begins November 28, and so does the  
Advent Book study “I Wonder as I Wander.” The  
overall theme for Advent will be “Ad-vent-ure” as  
we hear the scriptures and journey to  
Bethlehem. The study “I Wonder as I Wander”  
focuses on Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Is there more to these  
words than just the names of the candles on the Advent wreath?  
Daily readings and reflections, as well as a weekly group study  
and activity ideas to link church and home are included in the  
book. The group will normally meet in the lounge following  
Sunday morning worship, all are welcome.

Pastor Karen

## Celebrations

## of Life and

## Love

### November Birthdays

- 1 Jaxon Ditzler
- 4 Marianne Kocur
- 7 Barbara Coughlin, Sally Leubin
- 9 Holly Kocur
- 12 Judy Guthrie
- 14 Debbie Madurski
- 22 David Mays
- 24 Ann Anderson
- 26 Bob Hauser
- 29 Jennifer Geddes Hall/Brian Redditt
- 30 Carolyn Dean

Everyone loves a birthday card! Please remember a member!!



### November Anniversaries

none that I could find

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.

#### 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 \$35/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.



**All are  
Welcome**

### **Immanuel Hours**

Church Office – 833-4062  
Hours - Mon-Thurs. 8:30am-  
12:30pm  
[immluthch@verizon.net](mailto:immluthch@verizon.net)

### **Staff**

Pastor Karen Kostur – 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  
Guest Organist: Allan Slovenkay  
Admin. Ofc.: Lori Swanson  
Nemenz

### **Sunday School**

Coord: Anita Byrne & Janice  
Kreger  
Teachers: Rick Kuntz & Jen Kuntz,  
Pastor Kostur

### **Congregation & Church**

#### **Council Officers**

Pres. – Debbie Redditt – 449-1855  
Vice Pres. – Bob Dorler  
– 833-2719  
Sec. – Debbie Madurski  
– 774-3590  
Fin. Sec.: Cindy Geddes  
– 734-1286  
Treasurer: Bill Redditt

#### **Additional Council Members**

Cindy Eckman, Char Feiler, George  
Pfeiffer, Sally Leubin, Bob Dorler,  
Cindy Geddes

### **Church Council Committees**

*We invite all members of Immanuel to join any of these committees and/or  
offer your gifts where you can – many hands make light work!!  
Council usually meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

#### **Christian Education**

Council liaison: Cindy Eckman  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL K-ADULT 10:30 A.M.**  
**ADVENT STUDY BEGINS 11/28**  
**CONFIRMAND MEETING: NOV. 7TH 10:30 A.M**

#### **Communications**

Council liaison: D.Redditt Committee Chair: vacant  
Check out our website and "FRIEND" us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/)  
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/>

**WATCH FOR US ON FACEBOOK, GOERIE.COM, ERIE NEWS NOW AND  
IN PRINT IN THE ERIE TIMES NEWS**

#### **Fellowship, Outreach & Growth**

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin & Char Feiler  
**COFFEE HOUR 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

#### **Finance**

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer  
**2020 AUDIT**

#### **Property**

Council liaison: Bob Dorler Committee Chair: Stan Holsopple  
**FACILITY MAINTENANCE, RENTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE  
BOILER SYSTEM REPLACEMENT  
BOILER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

#### **Stewardship**

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes  
**STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE & TIME & TALENT SHEETS**

#### **Social Ministry Committee**

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair: Debbie Madurski  
**SEWING HATS FOR COMM. SHELTER CHRISTMAS BAGS  
FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING FIXINGS APPEAL**

#### **Worship & Music**

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant  
**\*\*Looking For New Committee Co-Chairs\*\***  
**CHOIR: THURSDAYS 7:15 P.M. & 8:45 A.M SUNDAY  
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**  
**DRIVE-IN AND INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**OneDrive audio files of recorded services**  
<https://onedrive.live.com/about/en-us/signin/>  
**PASTOR KOSTUR'S SERMONS ON OUR WEBPAGE**



**HOLIDAY POINSETTIA AND HUNGER APPEAL**

I would like to give \_\_\_\_\_ flowers for the Special Offering for Christmas at \$8.00 each.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*Please indicate your preference below*

\_\_\_\_\_ please deliver to shut in or local charity

\_\_\_\_\_ I will deliver to shut in or local charity

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 Christmas to go towards eliminating world hunger.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**PLACE FORM & DONATION IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR SEND TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 6, 2021.**

# November 2021



## Greetings of Peace



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>QUILTERS</b> 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir <b>SET-UP BOOK &amp; BAKE SALE</b>	<b>2</b> <b>ELECTION DAY</b>  <b>BOOK &amp; BAKE SALE 7AM-7PM</b> AA 7:30 PM	<b>3</b> TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	<b>4</b> <b>Choir 7:15pm</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30 PM AA	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b>  <b>QUARTER SUNDAY</b> Choir rehearsal: 8:45 Service: 9:30 10:30 Sunday School <b>CONFIRMATION CLASS</b>  <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS - FALL BACK</b>	<b>8</b> <b>QUILTERS</b> 9:30 AM 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	<b>9</b> AA 7:30 PM	<b>10</b> TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	<b>11</b> <b>Choir 7:15pm</b>  <b>VETERANS DAY</b>	<b>12</b> 7:30 PM AA	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Choir rehearsal: 8:45 Service: 9:30 10:30 Sunday School <b>COUNCIL MTG.</b>	<b>15</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> <b>QUILTERS 9:30 AM</b> 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	<b>16</b> AA 7:30 PM  <b>PROPERTY COMMITTEE MTG 7 p.m</b>	<b>17</b> TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	<b>18</b> <b>Choir 7:15pm</b>	<b>19</b> 7:30 PM AA	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>CHRIST THE KING</b> Choir rehearsal: 8:45 Service: 9:30 10:30 Sunday School <b>MITTEN TREES</b>	<b>22</b> <b>QUILTERS 9:30 AM</b> 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	<b>23</b> AA 7:30 PM	<b>24</b> TOPS 8:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	<b>25</b> <b>THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	<b>26</b> 7:30 PM AA	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Service: 9:30 10:30 Sunday School <b>SPECIAL MISSION COLLECTION</b>	<b>29</b> <b>QUILTERS 9:30 AM</b> 7pm Flagship City Chorus 7 pm Flute Choir	<b>30</b> AA 7:30 PM				

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