

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OCTOBER 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

Tucked between the books of the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel is a short book, just 5 chapters long, the book of Lamentations. According to the Harper Collins Study Bible the book's name in Hebrew is "How!" The book is associated with the destruction of the temple in 70 B.C. The author is unknown, perhaps many persons worked together to express the sense of bewilderment, loss and anguish felt by the people of God. It is written in poetic form and may have been expressions of grief used for a service or services of public mourning after the destruction of Jerusalem. (New Revised Standard Version. NRSV. Harper Collins Study Bible, 1989, *Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.*)

The first word of the opening verse gives the Hebrew name, "How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!" (NRSV) and informs the reader that this book is written for a specific purpose. The Jewish people calling the book "How!" resonates with the loneliness and the unspoken question, "How?" Even though the book was written to mourn the loss of a way of life, a loss of everything the people knew, some of the verses can utter our deepest cries of mourning. "See, O LORD, how distressed I am; my stomach churns, my heart is wrung within me, because I have been very rebellious" (Lam. 1:21a&b, NRSV). "With a yoke on our necks we are hard driven; we are weary, we are given no rest" (Lam. 5:5, NRSV). "Why have you forgotten us completely? Why have you forsaken us these many days?" (Lam. 5:20, NRSV). These verses may speak to you, they may help you express your feelings of loss, of exhaustion, of wrongdoing.

Yet in the middle of the book, we find a few verses in Chapter 3 which make it seem as though there needs to be a break in the lamenting. It is as though an aside is taken to remind everyone who God is, how God responds to our cries for help. It contains one of the strongest reasons for hope... "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him'" (Lam. 3:21-24, NRSV). Then a few verses later we are reminded "The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD" (Lam. 3:25-6, NRSV).

The Bible is the living Word of God because it speaks to us in all of our experiences, and we can hear again the Word of the Lord and find it speaks to us in a way we never heard before.

As always, please know I am here for you if you'd like to talk about anything. I'm in the office Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. 814-833-4062. I can be reached on my cell phone any time 724-557-2386. Please leave a message if I don't answer.

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

Christian Education



~ *Sharing the
Good News* ~

REMINDER: Our
next Confirmand
Meeting will be
October 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rally Day has come & gone and we planned & prepared & tried to spread the word far and wide via postcard, newsletter and bulletins, but believe it or not, on Rally Day 9/12, we had no one in attendance for our planned breakfast on the beach & our brainstorming for the year ahead. We had hoped to also have some volunteers for the God's Work, Our Hands - caring for creation event - with the NWPA Synod Green Team. We know some folks were out of town so we'd still love to hear your thoughts & ideas - let's **ALL** put our thinking caps on and brainstorm why this event didn't work and what you'd like to see going forward.

- Maybe we just need better communication methods - calling, texting, snail-mail? **What works best for you?**
- Maybe a different approach to learning?
- Maybe more notice so you can all **Save The Date**
- Maybe a different time or day or both?
- Maybe online rather than in person?
- Maybe lives that aren't so busy - we can all relate to that one I think!!

We are blessed to have willing all-volunteer leaders for faith-based learning and blessed to have youth and young families in our church. Let's put our heads together...we care & we know you do too.

Please contact us to share information about your ideas for the year ahead & your concerns too.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL/BOOK STUDY

Pastor Kostur is leading our adult Sunday School/Bible study this year and that will start on Sept. 19th after worship in the lounge.

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



Immanuel Worship Calendar

OCTOBER 2021 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lector
10/3/21 9:30 AM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Bob Dorler
10/10/21 9:30 AM	Kostur	Stan Holsopple	Stan Holsopple
10/17/21 9:30 AM	Kostur		Barb Coughlin
10/24/21 9:30 AM	Kostur		
10/31/21 9:30 AM	Kostur		

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.

****SAVE THE DATES****

THRIVENT INVESTMENT PRESENTATION

Join us on 10/31, after worship, for a presentation by Vince Kremer of Thrivent Investment

Altar Guild: C. Feiler/D. Madurski **Counters:** Stan Holsopple/Denise Arnold
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 October
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15TH

PET BLESSING 🐾🐾 **OCTOBER 3RD**



3 P.M. IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT



(L-R: Tucker Redditt, Bo Kostur; Sunshine Nemenz)





Shut-In Ministry

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

KEEP IN PRAYER: Denise Arnold’s Mom - Lucie Arndt and brother-in-law Pastor Huhn; John & Tim Botwright and Tim’s wife Karen; the Feiler & Lee families; Ruth & Ken Foos – friends of Carol McCray and Carol’s sister Marilyn; Cindy Geddes’ family friend Deedee; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman, Kyle Husted, Jim Kuntz, Nancy Leonard – Pastor Karen’s friend; Patrick Lewis – family friend of S.Kocur; Bishop Michael Lozano, Debbie Redditt’s friends - Nathan Pelletier and Gayanne Nieratko, Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, Jan Rowe – Pastor Karen’s friend; Dr. Carl Seon; 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).

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 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 see our current directory.

Current Shut-in list: Judi Casler and Sally Fager.

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
PROGRESS
DONATIONS ARE GREATLY
APPRECIATED
PLEASE MARK DONATIONS
DESIGNATED FOR THE
BOILER REPLACEMENT**

At the Congregational Meeting on August 8, 2021, the assembly voted to approve the expenditure for 4 LAARS Mascot boiler units, pumps, piping and labor to replace the failed boiler unit to the Education Wing and to update the existing boiler unit to the Sanctuary. The total cost to replace the boiler system is \$58,803.64.



A Capital Campaign is currently underway to raise funds for the cost of the new boiler system. A designated fund has been set up. A rummage sale is being considered for a possible Fall date. If you are a Thrivent member you can apply for a grant from the Action Team program as we proceed with our fund raising.

CURRENT TOTAL: \$7200.00

FAITH

SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone that donated school supplies. We collected crayons, colored pencils, markers, notebooks, hand sanitizer, tissues, wipes, highlighters, dry erase markers, glue sticks, pencils, erasers, pens, a jump rope and mask. We sent supplies to Edison & Pfeiffer-Burleigh elementary and helped our own member Alli Lee with some supplies as she starts her new teaching position in Fairview. Your generosity is amazing!



SUPPLIES

IN

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.



ACTION

West Millcreek Food Pantry Thanksgiving “fixings” Appeal

This year we are pleased to be partnering with Lakewood United Methodist Church, our neighbor, **to collect turkey gravy** for the West Millcreek Food Pantry Thanksgiving dinner baskets. The food pantry plans for 100 baskets. Turkey will be supplied by the Second Harvest Food Bank and the local churches are asked to provide one of the fixings. We also welcome donations of reusable flat-bottom grocery bags.



Deadline to donate is Nov. 2nd.

Any form of gravy is acceptable – cans, jars, or packets.

Your Immanuel Social Ministry Committee

FELLOWSHIP,

OUTREACH &

GROWTH



THANK YOU

TO ALL!!



....AND A
GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!



FAITH



Stewards of God's Creation - Green tip

Fall is a great time to plant trees. Consider planting in your own yard or helping someone who does planting and non-native species removal at various locations including **Presque Isle**.

Planting native trees is important. Native plants and native insects have co-evolved over long periods of time so that native insects, particularly caterpillars of moths and butterflies, can eat native plants. These caterpillars are the prime food source given to nestlings by parent birds. According to Greg, there has been some alarming research that both native insect populations and native bird populations have declined over the last few decades by about 30% and the correlation seems to be tied to the lack of native plants for food since non-native plants generally have created toxins that native insects haven't co-evolved with.

There is lots of information about native tree species available online. One good source is from PA-DCNR - www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/WildPlants/LandscapingwithNativePlants/Pages/default.aspx. It includes a listing of many native tree and other plant species in groups for sunny/shade and dry/moist. For example, red maple for sunny moist areas, redbud for sunny dry areas, flowering dogwood for shady moist areas and shagbark hickory for shady dry areas.

IN

ACTION

From the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
WELCA has shared the following two letters and they are asking our members to consider signing and mailing them in support of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Notification Act. We ask you to prayerfully consider and then if you are so inclined, to sign these two letters and mail them, as a member of the Immanuel congregation.

Pennsylvania is one of several states, according to WELCA that does not have any clear signage laws to help victims find assistance if they are being trafficked for sex or labor. We do make a difference, letting our lawmakers know that we are committed to eliminating Human Trafficking.

We have been encouraged to copy & share these letters on our church letterhead and have a letter writing campaign - this is our attempt to share and honor this request & concern in PA.

Call the Human Trafficking Hotline Number

1-888-3737-888 or 1-800-THE LOST



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Date September 14, 2021

Senator Christine M. Tartaglione
Senate Box 203002
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3002

Dear Senator Tartaglione,

Senator Dan Laughlin is the prime sponsor for S.B. 751 entitled "An act providing for the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Notification Act; imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry; and prescribing penalties". On June 11, 2021, this bill was referred to the Department of Labor and Industry. The bill had been introduced in the prior year legislative session as S.B. 972.

The current signage in Pennsylvania rest stops pertaining to human trafficking is located only in the lobby and does not include information on what human trafficking is and how it occurs. The National Human Trafficking Hotline identified in 2018 that 268 victims were identified in Pennsylvania. The Human Trafficking Institute reports in 2019 in PA there were 145 new criminal cases and 88 civil cases of human trafficking in PA. Victims are often transported from one city to the next on Pennsylvania highways and "sold" multiple times.

I would encourage you to utilize artwork on the sign that depicts situations in which human trafficking happens. We are concerned that people who see the current rest stop signage will not understand the extreme danger a victim who is being trafficked faces. Signs need to be educational as well as provide the National Human Trafficking Hotline number. Signs should also be posted in both the men's and women's restroom stalls. Often when a victim is being transported and is allowed to use a restroom in a rest stop, the only moment they will have to see the sign is in the privacy of the stall. The sign in the stall, above the sink or above the hand dryer will save lives.

Please work to hold hearings on this life-saving legislation that will result in a favorable outcome to send the bill to the House for consideration.

Thank you for your work in changing the rest stop signage and saving lives.

Sincerely,

Immanuel Lutheran Church member



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Date September 14, 2021

Senator Camera Bartolotta
Senate Box 203046
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3046

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Worship & Music in the News...

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



Please join us for worship each Sunday at
9:30 a.m. either indoors, or in our drive-in
services. The drive-in service will continue
through October.

For OneDrive login page,
click here:

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



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

**ADULT BOOK STUDY – SUNDAYS 10:30
A.M. IN THE LOUNGE**

PET BLESSING 10/3/21 – 3 P.M.

TRAIL OF TREATS IS BACK 10/31/21



Candy donations would be appreciated!!

Celebrations

of Life and

Love



October Birthdays

October	8	Kenneth Kreger
	21	Bill Kostur/Mitchell Molnar/Kristy Sturgeon-Marucci
	22	Brody Bonsell
	23	Ron Madurski/Sandy Moore/Karen Kostur

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

October Anniversaries

Congratulations to those celebrating their anniversary on

October	2	Kim & Vic Paternosh
	7	Remembering this special anniversary day – with the Rick Kuntz family (Carolyn passed Oct. 2020)
	17	Lori & Larry Nemenz
	22	Karen & Bill Kostur
	27	Sandy & William Moore

Congratulations to those celebrating!!!

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.

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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
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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 2nd Sunday of the month*

Christian Education

Council liaison: Cindy Eckman
SUNDAY SCHOOL K-ADULT 10:30 A.M.
CONFIRMAND MEETING: OCT. 3RD 10:30 A.M

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?

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IN PRINT IN THE ERIE TIMES NEWS
RECYCLING OUTDATED EQUIPMENT**

Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin & Char Feiler

Finance

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer
2020 AUDIT

Property

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

Stewardship

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

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair: Debbie Madurski
**SCHOOL SUPPLIES/SEWING HATS FOR COMM. SHELTER CHRISTMAS
BAGS/FOOD PANTRY 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)**
PET BLESSING 10/3/21 – 3 P.M.
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

October

2021



Greetings of Peace

How will you share your God-given gifts this month?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 AA MTG.	2
3 Choir rehearsal: 8:45am Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 *QUARTER SUNDAY *CONFIRMAND MTG: 10:30 *PET BLESSING 3PM 	4 QUILTERS 9:30 AM FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS PRESQUE ISLE FLUTE CHOIR	5 AA MTG 7:30 PM	6 TOPS 9:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	7 CHOIR 7:15 P.M. (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	8 AA MTG.	9
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17 Choir rehearsal: 8:45am Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 K-ADULT	18 QUILTERS 9:30 AM FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS PRESQUE ISLE FLUTE CHOIR	19 AA MTG 7:30 PM PROPERTY COMMITTEE MTG.	20 TOPS 9:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	21 CHOIR 7:15 P.M. (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	22 AA MTG.	23
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WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF YOU TODAY?