

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021

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Sharing the bounty from God...
~You are a big part of that plan.

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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!

Immanuel Lutheran Church



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Grace & Peace from the Pastor's Desk

While I was walking in the town of Watkins Glen over vacation,

...I noticed a phone booth. It was one of the old-fashioned type, painted fire-engine red, with square paneled windows, where you would step into the booth, close the door, and have a private conversation.

I stopped and looked inside of it because I saw a news story in about 2014 saying the last phone booth in the country was being removed. Not the blue ones that were half partitions of plexi-glass, but honest to goodness full phone booths, like the one I was checking out. I have no idea what the purpose of the phone booth was in Watkins Glen, but it was definitely not holding a telephone.

... I don't know why I am fixated with this. Perhaps this means so much to me because of the implication it has. We have grown so accustomed to carrying our own phone with us everywhere we go there is no longer a need for a public phone. Now don't get me wrong, I appreciate having a hand-held computer. But, is this a commentary on our lives? Have we become such an individual centered society?

This brings to mind the passage from Judges 2:10.. "After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things he had done..." I know it isn't such a big deal that a generation now exists that doesn't know the phone booth... after all, there is much that my parents and grandparents experienced that I never will know about (and am probably grateful for my ignorance). But what truly scares me are the implications here... if we don't start to share our faith with the younger generation in a way that is transparent and authentic, there may well be a generation who does not know the Lord.

In our Christian Education meeting we were discussing ways of trying to bring more children into the church. This is something that we have talked about in different places at different times and we just can't come up with a solution. We're thinking maybe just having more fun time integrated into the class time, maybe do one week a month that isn't classwork. Or perhaps have a short lesson each Sunday and play some sort of game after the lesson. If anyone has any idea we'd really like to hear it. Our intention is not to make the numbers of kids in the classes look better, but to bring more kids to Jesus. Faith may be personal, but it is never private. Faith is like love, it is nothing unless it is shared.

I hope you've had a good summer. And I hope you'll share in our Christian education. I'm planning on holding an adult Sunday school class after worship beginning September 19th. It would be great to see you there. And as always, I'm available to talk. I'm in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Stop in, or call 814-833-4062. Or you can call my cell phone anytime 724-557-2386 and leave a message.

***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

(Sept 5th is Labor Day
weekend)

- we hope all 6
of our

**Confirmand
Candidates can**

join us:

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

JOIN US FOR RALLY DAY !!!

SEPTEMBER 12TH

TEACHER INSTALLATION GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY



**WE CAN'T WAIT TO BE TOGETHER AGAIN...
WATCH FOR OUR POSTCARD COMING SOON**

WE ARE STILL BEING CAUTIOUS AND ASK YOU TO DO THE SAME AS WE BEGIN THIS CHRISTIAN ED. SEASON. WE ARE PLANNING TO HAVE AN OUTDOOR BREAKFAST FOR OUR STUDENTS, PARENTS ARE INVITED TOO, AT 10:30 AT PRESQUE ISLE NEAR THE ROTARY PAVILION AREA - NEAR THE PLAYGROUND - IF CAR-POOLING IS NEEDED, PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE. WE'LL HAVE TIME TO EAT & CATCH UP & MAKE SOME FAITH-FILLED & FUN PLANS FOR WHAT'S AHEAD THIS YEAR -- **WE WANT YOUR IDEAS TOO.** THEN, SINCE IT'S GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY AND WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN A SERVICE EVENT - **WE ARE PLANNING TO JOIN WITH OTHERS TO HELP CLEAN-UP GOD'S CREATION AT PRESQUE ISLE WITH THE NWPA SYNOD GREEN TEAM STARTING AT 1 P.M.** ALL ARE WELCOME, SO IF YOU'D LIKE TO BRING A FRIEND - LET US KNOW AND WE'LL COUNT THEM IN TOO.

****MAKE SURE TO WEAR "WORK/OLD" SHOES OR HIKING BOOTS & MAYBE BRING SOME SUNSCREEN & BUG REPELLENT. IF THERE IS RAIN IN THE MORNING AT 10:30 A.M. -- WE WILL MEET AT CHURCH FOR BREAKFAST AND BRAINSTORMING INSIDE INSTEAD. THE PRESQUE ISLE CLEAN-UP EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE. COME FOR RALLY DAY, BREAKFAST & BRAINSTORMING & STAY AS LONG AS YOU CAN FOR THE CLEAN-UP EVENT.**

PASTOR KOSTUR WILL BE LEADING OUR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY THIS YEAR AND THAT WILL START ON SEPT. 19TH AFTER WORSHIP. 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

SEPTEMBER 2021 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Volunteers Welcome

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lector
9/5/21 9:30 AM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Bob Dorler
9/12/21 Rally Day GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS 9:30 AM	Kostur	Stan Holsopple	Stan Holsopple
9/19/21 9:30 AM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Claudia Skerlong
9/26/21 9:30 AM	Kostur	Cindy Geddes	Cindy Eckman

Counters and
Ushers needed
in 2021

Altar Guild: Penny Maloney, Sally Leubin, Sue Pfeiffer

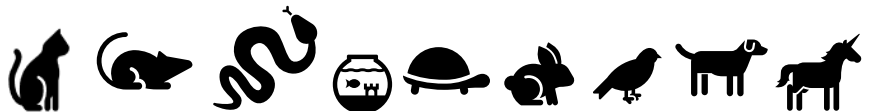
Counters: Cindy Geddes/Barb Coughlin **Ushers:** Ushers as assigned by B. Dorler

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
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15TH

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 DATE:



PET BLESSING



OCTOBER 3RD



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 as they face his 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.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

**DONATIONS ARE GREATLY
APPRECIATED**

**PLEASE MARK DONATIONS
DESIGNATED FOR THE
BOILER REPLACEMENT**

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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.

FAITH IN ACTION

Thank you
for sharing
your
Time &
Talents



Collecting School Supplies

Social Ministry will be collecting school supplies during the month of August 15 thru Sept 5th.

- Pocket folders
- Notebook paper
- Highlighters
- Dry Erase Markers (black)
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Flash cards (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and/or division)
- Flash cards (sight words)
- Erasers
- Pencils
- Boxes of tissues
- Hand sanitizer
- Clorox wipes
- Snacks (individually wrapped)
- Jump ropes, balls, etc. (for recess)

Take advantage of any of the great back to school sales!
Items may be dropped off at the church during office hours or after the service on Sunday mornings.

Cash donations can be placed in collection basket and marked "Social Ministry School Supplies"

Thank you!
Social Ministry

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GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS – SAVE THE DATES

SEPTEMBER 12 & 18, 2021

Come join our scheduled events or plan your own!!

September 12 is “God’s Work, Our Hands” Day across the ELCA. Our **Northwest PA Synod Green Team** encourages congregations to plan a park cleanup as a stewardship of creation service event for the day or sometime during the [Season of Creation](#), September 1-Oct. 4th.

The two opportunities already being planned are one in eastern Erie County at Shade's Beach, North East, PA and one at Presque Isle State Park. All are welcome!

If you can't join us - you're encouraged to schedule a creation care event that works for your congregation. Contact us for suggestions.

*If you are willing to help with the **Eastern Erie County event**: (See updated date/location below)

please contact Pastor Matt Dennison at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in North East

(814-725-1840), or just show up **Saturday, Sept. 18, at 8:30 am at Shade's Beach in Harborcreek**. Prayer and doughnuts and coffee will start the day, before clean-up begins.

***The Presque Isle event** begins at **1 pm at the Presque Isle Rotary Pavilion**, opposite Waterworks beach near the playground – watch for our signs!!

We will begin with prayer and a short presentation from Jen Salem - Tom Ridge Env. Center and Horticulture Specialist for the Regional Science Consortium to share what to look for, concerns for flora & fauna in our changing climate, followed by clean up and “Weed Warrior” opportunities for volunteers. The **Green Team** and **TREC** will provide supplies and snacks. Wear your work shoes & sunscreen & bring your water bottle or a non-alcoholic

beverage.



For more information on this event, please contact Green Team member Lori Nemenz:

814-833-1426 or via email at lnemenz@aol.com or just join us on Sunday, Sept. 12th!!

Mark your calendars for a time of fellowship and stewardship of God's creation as we try to do God's Work, with Our Hands!

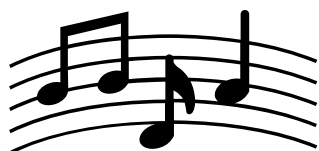
For more information about planning your own Green GWOH's event, or other Green Team events, Holy Hikes, speakers or interest in becoming more involved, please send a note to

Green Team email: nwpasynodgreenteam@gmail.com

Please contact your Synod Green Team member, Lori Nemenz, for more info at 814-833-1426 or nwpasynodgreenteam@gmail.com

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/)

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.

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)

From the Worship & Music Committee:

Please join us in welcoming Allan Slovenkay
and Karen Adams as guest musicians while
Bryan is on a leave of absence from
September 12th through December 5th.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT**

Please consider expanding your involvement in the life and ministry of our congregation in the coming year. If you have more than one family member, please initial the activity in which each member would like to be involved.

Name _____ Phone _____ Text? _____
Address _____ Email _____

In recognition of God's love and gifts, I would like to share my time and talents in the following ways:

Worship/Music

Committee Member _____
Sing in Choir _____
Play Piano _____
Other musical instruments _____
Acolyte _____
Altar Guild _____
Usher _____
Worship Assistant _____
Lector _____
Write prayers _____

Help in Kitchen _____
Bake Sale _____
(sitting at table during sale) _____
Visit Hospitals, Shut-ins _____
Deliver Flowers _____
Dinners _____
Furnish Dishes _____
Serve/Clean Up _____
Habitat for Humanity _____
CROP Walk _____
Sewing/Quilting Group _____

Christian Education

Committee Member _____
Sunday School Teacher _____ (Clearance req'd)
Sunday School Helper _____ (Clearance req'd)
Sunday School Substitute _____ (Clearance req'd)
Work with Teens _____ (Clearance req'd)
Work with Youth Group _____ (Clearance req'd)
Bible Study Group _____
Vacation Bible School _____ (Clearance req'd)
Volunteer in Nursery _____ (Clearance req'd)

Property

Weeding/Trimming Grounds _____
Committee Member _____
Repairs on Church Property _____
Specify Other _____

Outreach & Growth

Committee Member _____
Visitor to Homes _____
Greeter at Services _____
Telephone Caller _____
Fill in for Coffee Hour _____

Willing to be called to help out
around the church _____

I am interested in:

Women of ELCA _____
Lutherlyn _____
Adult Fellowship Group _____
Lutheran Men in Mission _____
Over 40 Luncheon _____
New Member Sponsor _____
Immanuel Players (Play) _____
NWPA Synod Green Team _____
Treasurer _____

If there are other ways you would like to serve,
please indicate below:

Support

Stewardship Committee Member _____
Finance Committee Member _____
Counting Team Member _____
Help in Church Office _____
Write Articles for Newsletter _____
Grant Writing _____
Thrivent Member/Grants _____

Congregation Council Member _____
Social Ministry Committee Member _____
Help with Holy Trinity Pasta Kitchen _____
(last Thursday in October – Dinner)

Celebrations

of Life and

Love

September Birthdays

September	3	Kelly Hunter
	5	Madison Penpek
	11	Airi Suokas, Claudia Skerlong
	13	Elizabeth Cool
	15	Tom Stewart/Summer Feiler
	17	Matthew Moore
	28	Denise Arnold
	29	Sue Pfeiffer

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

September Anniversaries

September	2	Char & Dick Feiler
	22	Michael & Brittany Redditt

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.



With a grateful heart for God's boundless generosity and as an expression of my Christian stewardship, I make this commitment for Christ's church and the ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

My/our commitment is: \$ _____
per week, or

per month, or \$ _____

per year \$ _____

I understand I may adjust my pledge at any time by contacting the church office.

Name _____ Date _____

Email address _____

(Cut here, put in sealed envelope marked: "Attn: Stewardship" and place in the offering plate or give to the Church Office)



Pledge Commitment for 2022 to Immanuel Lutheran Church

For my records, my commitment is:

\$ _____

per _____


(keep this portion for your records)

September 2021



Greetings of Peace

Sharing the bounty from God!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 TOPS 9:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	2	3 AA MTG.	4
5 Worship: 9:30 a.m. SCHOOL SUPPLIES BLESSING QUARTER SUNDAY NO Confirmand Mtg:	6 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED QUILTERS 9:30 AM NO FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS	7 AA MTG 7:30 PM	8 TOPS 9:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	9 CHOIR 7:15 P.M. (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	10 AA MTG.	11
12 GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS DAY  Worship: 9:30 a.m. TEACHER INSTALLATION CHRISTIAN ED RALLY DAY 10:30	13 QUILTERS 9:30 AM FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM	14 AA MTG 7:30 PM	15 TOPS 9:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM OCT. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 CHOIR 7:15 P.M. (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	17 AA MTG.	18 WELCA RETREAT
19 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Christian Ed: 10:30 K-ADULT	20 COUNCIL MTG. 7 P.M. QUILTERS 9:30 AM FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM	21 AA MTG 7:30 PM PROPERTY COMMITTEE MTG.	22 TOPS 9:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM	23 CHOIR 7:15 P.M. (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	24 AA MTG.	25
26 Worship: 9:30 a.m. Christian Ed: 10:30 K-ADULT QUILT BLESSING	27 QUILTERS 9:30 AM FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM	28 AA MTG 7:30 PM QUILT & KIT COLLECTION DAYS	29 TOPS 9:30 AM AA MTG 7:30 PM QUILT & KIT COLLECTION DAYS	30 CHOIR 7:15 P.M. (SUBJECT TO CHANGE) QUILT & KIT COLLECTION DAYS		

WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF YOU TODAY?



**All are
Welcome**

Immanuel Hours

Church Office – 833-4062
Hours - Mon-Thurs. 8:30am-
12:30pm
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 2nd Sunday of the month*

Christian Education

Council liaison: Cindy Eckman

CHRISTIAN ED. RALLY DAY – SEPT. 12TH – 10:30
TEACHER INSTALLATION AT WORSHIP – SEPT. 12TH
NO CONFIRMATION CLASS IN SEPT. DUE TO HOLIDAY – SEE YOU IN
CLASS OCT. 3RD

Communications

Council liaison: D.Redditt Committee Chair: vacant

Check out our website and "FRIEND" us on [Facebook](#)
Did you miss church? Need to keep updated and want easy access to the
church calendar, newsletter or annual report?

Check out our website <http://www.ilc-erie.org/>

**WATCH FOR US ON FACEBOOK, GOERIE.COM, ERIE NEWS NOW AND
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**

Stewardship

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE & TIME & TALENT SHEETS

Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair: Debbie Madurski

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION UNTIL 9/5
BLESSING AT WORSHIP ON 9/5**

Worship & Music

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: vacant

****Looking For New Committee Co-Chairs****
CHOIR: THURSDAYS 7:15 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
DRIVE-IN AND INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES
THROUGH OCTOBER.

OneDrive audio files of recorded services

<https://onedrive.live.com/about/en-us/signin/>

PASTOR KOSTUR'S SERMONS ON OUR WEBPAGE



SPECIAL SATURDAY COLLECTION DAY

Wanted: New & Used Building Materials,
Cabinets, Lighting, Tools, Lumber, Bathroom
Vanities, Hard Furniture, Home Decor

Sept. 4 | 9AM to 12PM
4922 Pittsburgh Ave.

Off of West Grandview in the Business Park
6th building on the right. Enter the South
driveway and come to the back.

Masks strongly encouraged if unvaccinated.



RESTOCK THE RESTORE