

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH JUNE NEWSLETTER 2022

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FAVORITE HYMN SIGN-UP TAKING PLACE NOW – SHARE A LIST OF YOUR FAVORITES WITH US

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

When I was a child...

there was a Boy Scout Camp near Erie known as Camp Sequoia.

According to Evelyn Baker who reported on the camp, it was named for Sequoia, a Cherokee Indian born in 1770, to a white English father, George Gist or Guess, and an Indian mother, Wureth, of the Paint Clan.

Sequoia is credited with development of a Cherokee written language and furthered the education of the Cherokee Nation

<https://sites.rootsweb.com>.

It had a totem pole and a cross shaped mess hall, and my memories are a group of us, trying to link hands around a giant pine tree that I thought was a sequoia, but I couldn't find any record of such a tree on the property.



I bring up the subject of the Sequoia because I came across an article in Homiletics.com regarding the General Sherman Sequoia, a giant sequoia tree. It is not one of the tallest, widest nor oldest living trees ever, but it is 275 feet high, 25 feet in diameter and about 2,300-2,700 years old. With total volume of 52,513 cubic feet, it is the largest known living single-stem tree on the planet.

Trees are an amazing part of nature and of our faith. They are mentioned in the first and the last chapters of the Bible, and many times in between. We find "the tree of life" In Genesis 2:9, and again in Revelation 22:19. This is not the tree that Adam and Eve were instructed not to eat of, that was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The first chapter of the book of Psalms begins by speaking of a "tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither" (Psalm 1:3 NIV). John the Baptist said that unfruitful trees would be "cut down and thrown into the fire" (Matthew 3:10 NIV). And the death of Jesus on the cross is sometimes spoken about as "hanging on a tree" (Galatians 3:13). We even sing about trees at Christmas and bring them (or an artificial substitute) into our homes. It is said the tradition of a lit fir tree was started by Martin Luther to demonstrate to his children how Jesus left the stars of heaven to come to earth.

Our trees are now in full bloom, and we can recognize the life-giving system of photosynthesis which feeds the tree and gives us oxygen. This reminds us that the tree has a strong base, a flexible build, beauty, and a purpose. As Christ followers, we too have a strong base in Jesus, the ability to stand up to hardships without breaking, the beauty of character and a purpose to share the Good News of Jesus.

I'm normally in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please feel free to call 814-833-4062 or drop in to visit. My email is pastorkaren.immanuel@gmail.com, or phone me on my cell 724-557-2386 (if I don't answer please leave a message).

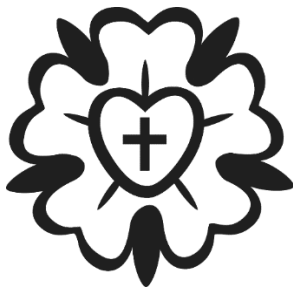
Grace and Peace,

Pastor Karen

An October trip to **Olmsted Manor Retreat Center** located on Route 6 in Ludlow, PA is in the planning stages. Come enjoy the splendor of autumn in the Allegheny National Forest and the beauty of a Tudor mansion built in 1917, yet with all the modern amenities one could want. We will be celebrating the Holden Evening Prayer service at the manor and spending the night on Friday, **October 28, 2022**. Our meals will be fixed in the manor kitchen. There are 4 double rooms available, each with their own bathroom, 2 double rooms and a single room with a shared bath. Price for double occupancy is \$30.00 per person, 40.00 for a single person.

Get in touch with Pastor Karen if you are interested. Check out their website olmstedmanor.org for pictures.

Christian Education



SAVE THE DATE:

Vacation Bible School
July 11-15
With Lakewood United
Methodist



~ *Sharing the Good News* ~

REMINDER: Our next Confirmand Meeting will be June 5th 10:30 with Pastor Karen and Mrs. Byrne - we hope all 6 of our **Confirmand Candidates** can join us for our last class of the season:

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



Vacation Bible School is going to be an exciting Discovery on Adventure Island this summer with Beacon the Puffin as our guide. The dates are Monday through Friday, July 11-15 from 6:00 - 8:05 p.m. "Arise! Shine! Your light has come; The Lord's glory has shone upon you!" (Isaiah 60:1) Pastor Karen will be the storyteller Monday through Wednesday evenings. Let your friends and family with preschoolers through 6th grade (finished 6th grade this year) know about this time to share with other kids. Sadly, there will be no adult class this year.

NEW BOOK STUDY STARTING - ALL ARE WELCOME

Want to break the cycle of losing weight and gaining it back again? Want to start better eating habits? Want to grow closer to God? Want to do all of this at the same time? Then join us at our next book study "**I'll Start Again Monday**" by Lysa TerKeurst a Christian author.

This is a resource to use with a healthy eating plan of your choice and will lead to a spiritual satisfaction that goes beyond physical well-being. The discussion will be Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom starting **May 26, 2022**, and will last 4-6 weeks. Books are \$9.00 (on sale, normally \$15.00). Please let Pastor Karen know if you'd like to join in the discussion and you'll get a book and a zoom Link. The study is open to anyone who may be interested, feel free to share the Zoom link once it is established.

Immanuel Worship Calendar



JUNE 2022 Worship Calendar for Immanuel Lutheran, Erie PA

Date	Presider	Assistant	Lector
6/5/22 9:30 AM	Kostur	STAN HOLSOPPLE	BARB COUGHLIN
6/12/22 9:30 AM	Kostur	CINDY GEDDES	CINDY GEDDES
6/19/22 FATHER'S DAY 9:30 AM	Kostur	BOB DORLER	BOB DORLER
6/26/22 9:30 AM	Kostur	DEBBIE REDDITT	BILL KOSTUR



Altar Guild: D.Madurski/C.Feiler **Counters:** K.Lee/C.Feiler/C.Geddes
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 sheet on the bulletin board for JULY

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

Worship & Music in the News....



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](#)

TALK WITH OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR - BRYAN TIMM, IF YOU
ARE INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR MUSICAL TIME &
TALENT.

We will once again be using

"With One Voice"

this Summer starting in July.

COFFEE HOUR 1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

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



FAVORITE
HYMNS



It's time to share your suggestions for Summertime hymn singing...

email, drop-off, call or mail your suggestions to the church
office so we can have a nice list of hymns to choose from when
our Worship & Music Committee meets.

We'd love to have suggestions from the ELW "red" hymnal and
from the "With One Voice" hymnal. We will be using WOV in
July and we know how folks dislike "juggling" hymnals.

You can use the form on the back page of the newsletter too, if
that makes it easier for folks. You can also sign up at church.

FELLOWSHIP, OUTREACH & GROWTH NEWS

FAITH



The Millcreek 4th of July parade is happening this year. Feel free to park in the church lot as you attend the parade. Tell your neighbors to use our lot also. This will remind folks about Immanuel as a presence in the Lakewood area.

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The church picnic will once again be held in August after Sunday service. Last year it was a great success. All the food and drink will be provided.

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED IN THE JULY NEWSLETTER



Please continue to support our Little Free Pantry with food and non-perishable items. With prices rising sharply over the past few months the pantry is needed more than ever. Thank you for your donations.

ACTION



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

A big thank you to Mary Houser who obtained a Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250.00. The grant was used to purchase 2 rolls of quilt batting. The rolls were cut to make batting for 45 quilts. Thank you to Mary Hauser and Thrivent Financial for keeping the quilters busy!!

FAITH



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Mr. Lawrence Dorler
40 Vinnie St.
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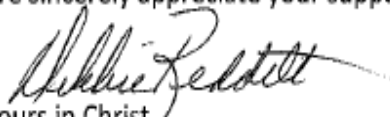
May 1, 2022

Dear Mr. Dorler:

The Quilters and Church Council of Immanuel Lutheran Church want to thank you for your generous \$500 donation toward our ministry of providing handmade quilts to those in need around the world through Lutheran World Relief. The donation will help us purchase items needed to support this quilting ministry effort, along with the necessary shipping fees to transport the completed quilts.

ACTION

We sincerely appreciate your support.


Yours in Christ,

Debbie Redditt, Council Pres.
Immanuel Lutheran Church



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Mr. Roland D. King, Pastoral Assistant
The Rev. Dr. Gary L. Harbaugh, Pastor Emeritus

FAITH

April 28, 2022

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Thank you so very much for your financial donation to Holy Trinity ministries. The \$528.00 donation has been placed into our Food Ministries Program Fund. When the pandemic arose, we switched our worship to a tele-conference each Sunday morning at 11:30 am and have continued that for the ensuing months, as we continue to focus our care for one another and do not yet feel it is safe for our members to gather in the sanctuary. We are blessed that we have approximately 30-40 of our members who dial in each Sunday, as well as 12-15 people each week in Wednesday tele-conference Bible Study.

We have been able to continue our food ministry. When we were last working in "normal mode" the soup kitchen served approximately 7375 meals and the Food Pantry distributed 1725 bags of groceries in 2019. With your support we are able to continue serving in God's ministry to help feed body and spirit with a good meal and fellowship.

During this time of pandemic, we continue to provide food through the Feeding America – Second Harvest Food Bank program, in association with Country Fair, Sheetz, Panera and Giant Eagle-Yorktown. These stores generously donate their excess foods and we use these donations to prepare bagged lunches with prepared foods for a day or 2, lunch meat and cheese, bread, milk, desserts, and fresh fruit every Wednesday and Saturday. We average a distribution of about 50-60 bags per week to our friends and neighbors, and have distributed bags to over 6800 persons. Your donation will help to enable this outreach, as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Holy Trinity members and the many volunteers from our ecumenical partners, offer loving hearts and helping hands, but only with support from people like you through prayer and contributions is it possible to fulfill God's mission with our neighbors in need.

Thank you again, and God bless.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Gary Harbaugh
Pastor Emeritus

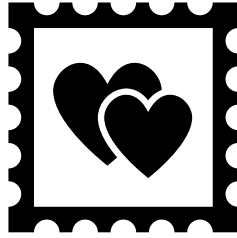
Mr. Ron King
Pastoral Assistant

IN

ACTION



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," 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 or the church directory.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Denise Arnold's Mom Lucie Arndt as well as brother-in-law Pastor Huhn, his wife Lana & his daughter Melanie; Pam Anthony Lakewood VBS Coord.; John & Tim Botwright & their families; Bob Dorler's sister – Pat; the Feiler & Lee families; Justin Lee; Cindy Geddes' family friend Deedee; Christin; Mary Hauser; Jim & Lorraine Hornaman; Kyle Husted; Pastor Karen's cousin, Marilyn and Pastor's friend Pat; Bill Kostur's daughter – Samantha; Jim Kuntz; Leslie; Patrick Lewis–friend of S. Kocur; Bishop Michael Lozano; Friend of Debbie Redditt – Nathan in remission and sister-in-law Sherrill Kuntz; Carole Rickrode, Sharon Roemer, all of our members 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).

What: RUMMAGE SALE

PROCEEDS BENEFIT BOILER REPLACEMENT FUND

When: JUNE 17th & 18th

8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Wanted: Gently used items

- Household items, Kitchen, Jewelry, Electronic items, Furniture, Gardening items & tools, etc. NO CLOTHING.
- Volunteers to help organize & price items prior to sale.
- Volunteers to work at the sale-Friday and/or Saturday.
 - Items can be brought to the church prior to sale.
 - If possible, please price items.

Contact church office for more information or questions.

Highlights May 2022 Council Meeting

Communications:

Received letter and check \$80.00 from County of Erie Board of Elections for rental payment. General Election will be held November 8, 2022.

Received letter and check \$150.00 from County of Erie Board of Elections for post-election cleaning of our facility.

Thank you letter from Director of International Institute of Erie-Erie Field Office for the donation of Singer sewing machine. Thank you to Cindy & Dave Eckman for delivering.

Treasurer Report:

April 2022. Offerings for April were slightly down. Kaercher Fund check was received and recorded in the month. Boiler fund increased by \$350. National Fuel as our supplier is now in effect, with a decrease in bill. Property taxes were paid. Net income was below budget by 4.4% for the month.

Worship & Music:

Next meeting is June 7th. Deposit was made to Olmstead Manor for those attending Holden Service October 28th.

Christian Education:

May 22nd last Sunday School class. June 5th last Confirmation class.

Social Ministry:

Collecting \$8.00 for LWR gift kits.

Property:

Pumps to Boiler failed to start up again. Rick will start log. No action was taken on furnace for rental house at this time.

FOG:

Rummage Sale plans are in full swing. Pricing items May 12th. Will have items for sale on Election Day. It was suggested to offer to community free parking for July 4th parade. Picnic for members will be after church in August. Date to be announced.

Pastors Report:

Attending Erie Conference Meeting.

Compiled by D. Redditt

Help Needed - Our Friends, the Pollinators

Have you eaten a meal lately? Your meal was most likely provided in part by pollinators. Pollinators are essential to about 80% of the crop plants grown around the world.¹

A pollinator is anything that helps carry pollen from the male part of a flower or blossom (stamen) to the female part of the same or another flower (stigma). Pollinator animals include bees, wasps, moths, butterflies, birds, flies, and small mammals, including bats.²

Many pollinator populations are in decline due to pollution, the misuse of chemicals, disease, and changes in climatic patterns.³ We need to help them and certainly avoid harming them.

Refer to Penn State Extension's "Planting Pollinator-Friendly Gardens."⁴

- **Choose plants native to your region, and avoid modern hybrids.**^{5,6}
- **Choose nectar- and pollen-rich flowers with a range of shapes, sizes, and colors. Check with Penn State or a nearby Master Gardener for guidance.**
- **Have several different plants in bloom from early spring through late fall.**
- **Avoid landscape fabric and mulch.**
- **To the extent possible, delay garden cleanup until spring so insects and the soil gain nutrition and shelter.**
- **Avoid unnecessary mowing and pruning at times when blossoms are present.**

¹ <https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/importance.shtml>

² <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/pollinators/what-is-a-pollinator.htm>

³ <https://www.pollinator.org/pollinators>

⁴ <https://extension.psu.edu/planting-pollinator-friendly-gardens>

⁵ <https://www.nwf.org/nativeplantfinder/plants>

⁶ <https://www.panativeplantsociety.org/>

For more information, see the NW PA SYNOD GREEN TEAM link on the NWPA SYNOD website (<https://www.northwesternpasynodelca.org>)

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.

June Birthdays

June	1	Sharon Roemer
	4	Carrie Penpek
	6	Cindy Geddes
	9	Christopher Hetrick
	10	Sandra Kocur, Tatum Yusz
	14	Karen Byrd, Dave Eckman
	16	William Redditt
	21	Dennis Coughlin
	22	Char Feiler
	23	Carson Redditt
	25	Alexandra Lee, Samantha Lee
	26	Bonnie Rispin
	29	Dennis Rohan
	30	Isabella Botwright

June Anniversaries

June	9	Carol & Gordon Ketchel
	23	Bill and Debbie Redditt
	27	Tom and Judy Stewart
	29	Ray and Mary Kreger

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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Immanuel Hours

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Staff

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Pastor's Office Hours – Tues &
Thurs.9:30am-2:00pm
Church Caretaker: Wally Coughlin
Organist/Music Director: Bryan
Timm
Admin. Ofc.: Lori Swanson
Nemenz

Sunday School

Coord: Anita Byrne & Janice
Kreger
Teachers: Rick Kuntz & 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, 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: Char Feiler

K-ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.
CONFIRMAND MEETING: JUNE 5TH 10:30 A.M
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 11-15
BOOK STUDY BEGINS MAY 26TH 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM

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**

Fellowship, Outreach & Growth

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin & Cindy Eckman
COFFEE HOUR 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
AND ONGOING COLLECTION FOR LITTLE FREE PANTRY
CHURCH PICNIC - AUGUST

Finance

Council liaison: George Pfeiffer
2021 AUDIT

Property

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

Stewardship

Council liaison: Cindy Geddes

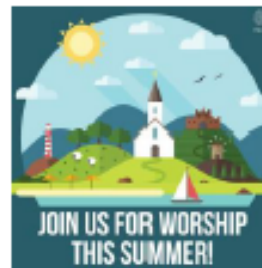
Social Ministry Committee

Council liaison: Debbie Madurski – Committee chair: Debbie Madurski
LWR CARE KITS





Worship & Music

Council liaison: Debbie Redditt Chair: Sue Pfeiffer
FAVORITE HYMNS – JULY & AUG.
DRIVE-IN AND INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES 9:30 A.M.
OneDrive audio files of recorded services
<https://onedrive.live.com/about/en-us/signin/>
**PASTOR KOSTUR'S SERMONS ON OUR FACEBOOK &
WEBPAGE**

June 2022



INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN YOU

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 TOPS 9:00 A.M. AA MTG 7:30 P.M	2 BOOK STUDY VIA ZOOM	3 AA 7:30 PM	4
5 QUARTER SUNDAY CONFIRMAND MTG. COFFEE HOUR  9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	6 QUILTERS 9:30 A.M. FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM PRES.ISLE FLUTE CHOIR 7 PM	7 AA 7:30 PM	8 TOPS 9:00 A.M. AA MTG 7:30 P.M.	9 BOOK STUDY VIA ZOOM	10 SYNOD ASSEMBLY AA 7:30 PM	11
12 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	13 QUILTERS 9:30 A.M FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM PRES.ISLE FLUTE CHOIR 7 PM	14 AA 7:30 PM	15 July Newsletter Deadline TOPS 9:00 A.M. AA MTG 7:30 P.M.	16 BOOK STUDY VIA ZOOM	17 ***** RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER AA 7:30 PM	18 ***** RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER
19  <u>FATHER'S DAY</u>  <u>JUNETEENTH</u> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	20 QUILTERS 9:30 A.M FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM PRES.ISLE FLUTE CHOIR 7 PM	21 AA 7:30 PM  SUMMER BEGINS	22 TOPS 9:00 A.M. AA MTG 7:30 P.M.	23 BOOK STUDY VIA ZOOM	24 AA 7:30 PM	25
26 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	27 QUILTERS 9:30 A.M FLAGSHIP CITY CHORUS 7 PM PRES.ISLE FLUTE CHOIR 7 PM	28 AA 7:30 PM	29	30 BOOK STUDY VIA ZOOM		

