

# ***IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH***

**JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER**



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For great is  
His love toward us,  
and  
the faithfulness  
of the LORD  
endures forever.  
Praise the LORD.

Psalm 117:2

**If anyone has anything to share for the August Newsletter, please be sure to get your submission to Brenda by July 23rd.**



## Grace & Peace : From the Pastor's Desk

**Pastor Karen will be on vacation July 8-15.**

Just before vacation I completed a book by Danielle Steele, not my usual read! (I'm more of a mystery/suspense novel reader.) However, this book had me captivated. It was about a young, single woman who gave up the life she had created for herself to care for her orphaned, brain injured niece. Her niece had been a successful child actor before an auto accident took away the life of her mother, and the life the girl had prior to the accident. The book tells the (fictional) story of how the young woman cared for her niece through thick and thin, not letting anything dissuade her from her goal of bringing her niece back to as much of a productive life as possible. She had reset the priorities in her life and changed her focus.

Matthew 15 contains a conversation between Jesus and the Pharisees about tradition and purity. The pharisees were accusing Jesus' disciples of breaking tradition by not washing their hands before eating. Jesus highlighted the Pharisees' hypocrisy, emphasizing that it's not what goes into the mouth of a person that defiles a person, but what comes out of it. Jesus was redirecting their focus from external rituals to their heart's condition. He declared that what defiles a person comes from the heart and is not caused by what a person consumes.

Jesus listed several unclean things that come out of our mouths that actually come from our hearts. From our hearts come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, and slander. The mouth simply reveals what has been in our hearts all along.

It is critical to prioritize the state of our hearts over the performance of religious duties. Jesus said, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." God's presence is not dependent on our outward practices but on our inward commitment and love for God. God desires hearts that are devoted to God more than merely complying with tradition. It is critical to do some internal "housecleaning" to discover, through confession and repentance, what evil lurks in our hearts. Is it time for us to "refocus" our desires to live the life God requires?

I am available to talk with you about anything. I'm in the office Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The office phone is 814-833-4062 or you can call my cell phone anytime 724-557-2386 just leave a message if I don't answer and I will return the call.

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](#)



We are more than excited to announce that Allan Slovenkay has accepted the position of Music Director and organist here at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Allan's music background and reputation amongst his peers is unequaled.



We have been truly blessed to have Allan as a permanent part of our Immanuel Family, even though he has always been considered to be a part of our church family.

Allan, we welcome you to our church and wish you our best.





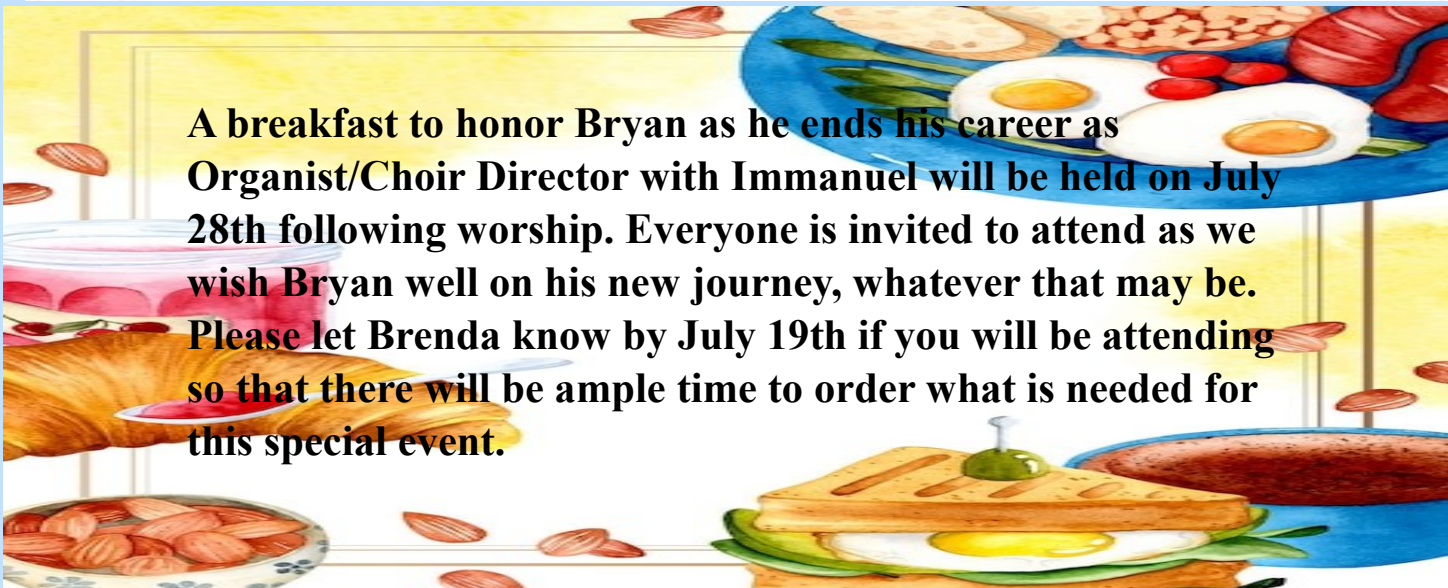
It is with saddened hearts and feelings of loss that your Church Council has accepted Bryan's letter of resignation emeritus serving out his term and holding after his retirement., his honorary title corresponding to that held during his active service at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Bryan has served our congregation for over 25 years, unselfishly sharing his talents as music director and organist. He has brought this congregation so many different music venues, heightening our worship experiences.

We will miss your smile and genuine love for us, our church and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Bryan, this is not a goodbye. We pray for your success in this new adventure in your life! We love you!

Robert L. Dorler, Council President



**A breakfast to honor Bryan as he ends his career as Organist/Choir Director with Immanuel will be held on July 28th following worship. Everyone is invited to attend as we wish Bryan well on his new journey, whatever that may be. Please let Brenda know by July 19th if you will be attending so that there will be ample time to order what is needed for this special event.**

HELLO  
World

Grace  
Olivia  
Coughlin  
June 11,  
2024

It's A Girl!

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

The proud new parents are  
Greg & Kristin Coughlin.

Proud new grandparents are  
Wally and Barb Coughlin.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Enjoy that little bundle of  
joy!!!!!!





Social Ministry



God's Work  
Our Hands

The Social Ministry Committee will be supporting the Crime Victim Center of Erie County. They have a caring cupboard for their clients. The following items will be collected July 14th through August 11th.

**Shampoo \* Body Wash \* Razors \* Shaving Cream \* Nail Clippers \* Combs \* Hair Brushes \* Tampons \* Pads.**

Place your items in the designated box n the hallway.

**As always, your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!**

Please note that The Social Ministry Committee will **not** be collecting school supplies this year.



May 20, 2024

Robert Dorler, Council President  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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Bob:

It is with heavy heart and mixed emotions that I share with you that my last day serving Immanuel in the capacity of Organist/Choir Director will be July 28, 2024. I cannot begin to express the gratitude that I have for the Immanuel community during my twenty-five-year tenure. During this time my life has been enriched by the relationships and opportunities provided by Immanuel and its congregation.

Although some may speculate that my departure is due to another similar opportunity, I can assure you that this decision comes after reflection on my life circumstances and the current environment of Immanuel. With twenty-five years behind me, I truly feel that I have provided everything that I possibly can to my Immanuel family and it is now time for me to move on.

My decision to officially notify you at this time is to hopefully allow for a transition over the low attendance of the summer months to allow for planning for a new choir season. I strongly suggest that you consider the engagement of Allan Slovenkay to fill the position for the foreseeable future. Allan brings a comprehensive musical offering that aligns with the traditions of Immanuel. His flexibility and familiarity with ILC will allow further opportunities that I cannot. His familiarity with Immanuel would allow smooth transition and retain other benefits such as allowing me to continue maintenance on the pipe organ. I have discussed this possibility with him privately and he is receptive to the idea should council feel it the best course of action.

I leave all of this for your consideration and would entertain continued conversation as to how to properly and respectfully notify the congregation.

Respectfully,

  
Bryan M. Timm

 Good luck   
we will miss you





VBS 2023 is underway..... Save the date:

***July 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> / 6:00pm to 8:00pm***

### **Hero Hotline:**

Hero Hotline invites children of all ages to answer the call to serve God together and lift each other up in his name. (VBS ages pre school – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Adults and youth grades 6<sup>th</sup> and up are encouraged to join the team and help! *Please contact Miss Pam – phone: 814-450-4819 email:***

**[pkayanthony@yahoo.com](mailto:pkayanthony@yahoo.com)**

We are ALL Called together to serve God!





**Come out on Wednesday, August 7th for  
our Annual Church Picnic!! 5 pm Rain or  
Shine!!!!**



“C’mon Everybody”, come to the annual church picnic to share in some good times with your church family! Don’t leave the rest of us “Crying in the Chapel”.

Hot dogs, French-fries and drinks and place settings will be provided!! Please bring a dish to share if you are able. How about some peanut butter & banana sandwiches?? We know who got “All Shook Up” over those!

Special guests are Jim Felix and his wife Debbie. There will be some “Good Rocking Tonight” as Jim will be entertaining everyone as Elvis. You can’t miss this!!

**“Funny How Time Slips Away”, so mark you calendars and join in the festivities!!! Food, Fun and Fellowship, how can you pass this up?! “You Better Run” to this fun event!!**



**Hoping to see everyone there!!!**

**Tuesday,  
August 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Mark your  
calendar!**



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## Welcome to the 14th Annual Erie Gives!

Immanuel Lutheran will once again be participating in the 14th Annual Erie Gives Day.

Erie Gives has updated their Check Contribution form, and now, your donation can be divided among up to 40 of your favorite local nonprofits! Please note, the minimum gift per nonprofit is \$25 each.

***When you give by check, your entire gift is given to your favorite nonprofit as there are no credit card or website transaction fees.***

You can visit the official Erie Gives site at [ErieGives.org](http://ErieGives.org), which takes place on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar!

We hope you will choose to take part in this special event and give to Immanuel Lutheran Church. We appreciate any and all participation, in this special day to show appreciation for Immanuel Lutheran Church and give back, during Erie Gives Day.



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1. Who were Miriam's brothers?

2. Who was the only female judge of Israel?

3. What musical instrument did David play?

4. What is the name of the garden where Jesus went to pray after the Last Supper?

5. Who is considered the 13th apostle to replace Judas Iscariot?

6. Name the shortest verse in the Bible?

7. What was the final plague that convinced Pharaoh to let the slaves go?

8. How many Philistines did Samson slay with a jaw bone?

9. Of what wood was Noah's Ark made of?

10. Who restored Paul's sight after the Lord blinded him?

11. How long were the children of Israel in Egypt?

12. What were the first words God spoke to man?

13. Who made the first confession to the Lord, as recorded in the Bible?

14. What woman continued in prayer day and night in the temple?

15. Who was the first recorded person raised from death to life?





The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence we'd be celebrating Independence Day on August 2nd of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed!

### **How did the Fourth of July become a national holiday?**

For the first 15 or 20 years after the Declaration was written, people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation. By the 1790s, a time of bitter partisan conflicts, the Declaration had become controversial. One party, the Democratic-Republicans, admired Jefferson and the Declaration. But the other party, the Federalists, thought the Declaration was too French and too anti-British, which went against their current policies.

By 1817, John Adams complained in a letter that America seemed uninterested in its past. But that would soon change.

After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and the new parties of the 1820s and 1830s all considered themselves inheritors of Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans. Printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. The deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, may even have helped to promote the idea of July 4 as an important date to be celebrated.

Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941.





## **Grown-Up Camp**

**August 23-25, 2024**

**Registration Deadline: August 12, 2024**

### **Who says camp is just for kids?**

Grown-Up Camp includes all of the fun and excitement of kid camp with some relaxation, fellowship, and extras for adults! This grown-ups only retreat is the perfect opportunity to enjoy all the fun of kid camp but with some changes and additions specifically for grown-ups. Anyone age 21 or older is invited to join in the fun!

You'll be able to enjoy camp classics like campfires, hikes, crafts, ropes course, and sports. All of the activities are optional to provide as much or as little time as you'd like to relax or explore Lutherlyn's beautiful grounds and trails.

The \$150 fee for these fun filled days at camp includes all meals\*, program, snacks, and lodging (cabins are equipped with full bathroom/showers and twin size beds). Guests are responsible for bringing their own linens and toiletries.

### **Women of the ELCA Retreat at Lutherlyn**

**Stir up Friends, Fellowship and Faith September 20-22nd.**

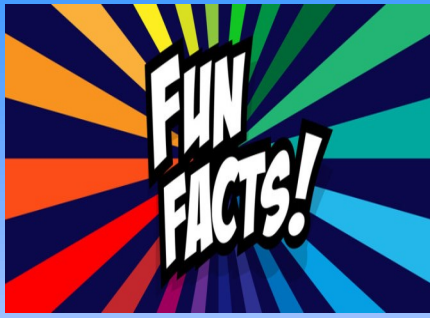
Registration for this event is due to Lutherlyn by August 26th.

They are offering three different workshops that you can choose from TWO.

Painting with Amy, Social Justice or Grown up Bracelet Making.

Lutherlyn is offering a one, two or three day retreat.

Registration forms are on the table and there is information on the bulletin board.



**July was named after the famous Roman general Julius Caesar by the Roman senate as it was the month he was born in.** Julius Caesar was a successful military general and statesman who changed the Roman Republic into the Roman Empire.

- ◆ Massachusetts was the first state to declare Independence Day a holiday in 1781.
- ◆ **Bastille Day** is a holiday celebrating the storming of the Bastille—a military fortress and prison—on July 14, 1789, in a violent uprising that helped usher in the French Revolution.
- ◆ In 1804, the White House hosted its first Fourth of July celebration.
- ◆ 1857 - Frederick Maytag invented the **Maytag washing machine**.
- ◆ **The Battle of Gettysburg.** The Battle of Gettysburg began on July 1, 1863. Emboldened by his victory at Chancellorsville, Confederate General Robert E. Lee had decided to invade the North. In September of the previous year, he had ventured north into Maryland where, at Antietam, the bloodiest day of the war occurred.
- ◆ On July 7, 1898, **the Hawaiian Islands were annexed by the United States.** This marked a significant event in the history of both Hawaii and the U.S., resulting in the eventual statehood of Hawaii in 1959.
- ◆ In 1928, on July 7, sliced bread was sold for the first time ever by the Chillicothe Baking Company in Missouri.
- ◆ **1969 First person walks on the Moon**  
He stepped on the Moon's surface almost 7 hours after Apollo 11, the space craft that carried them, landed on the Sea of Tranquility on the Moon. After stepping on the Moon, Armstrong uttered his famous words, "one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind."
- ◆ While the current calendar (Gregorian calendar) has July as the 7th month of the year, that wasn't always the case. In the Roman calendar, July was the fifth month of the year. January and February didn't exist.
- ◆ The Yankee Doodle song was originally written by British army officers in attempt to make fun of backwoods Americans.
- ◆ Around 150 million hot dogs are consumed on Fourth of July.



## Green Corner NWPA Synod

Stories begin “once upon a time”. When we hear those words we are transported to a time when living in the world God gave us was different. The Green Team asked people to transport themselves back to an earlier time and share how life was better in terms of living more ecologically.

Many comments we received concerned the production of food.

- They did not use pesticides or herbicides in their gardens.
- Plow horses were used even when tractors were widely available.
- Home baked goods did not contain preservatives.
- Families had a cow that was milked by hand or milk was delivered in glass bottles which would be reused.
- The manure produced by farm animals was spread on the farm.
- Families composted food waste.
- Grass clippings were used to produce mulch.
- Almost every part of an animal was used when butchered.
- Meat would be canned in the absence of refrigeration.
- A meat-grinder to make their own ham salad for the family.

Most children wore hand-me-down clothes that were passed on. Clothing was made at home and new material was scarce. Animal feed sacks were used to make clothes for the kids.

Churches used glass communion cups and church dinners were served on china plates with real silverware.

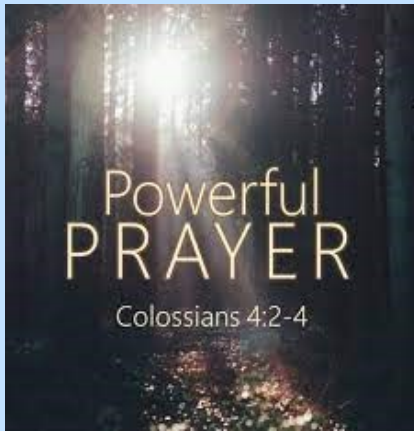
Several commented on ways that we are not living green today. A woman who worked in medicine said people were encouraged to flush medicines down the toilet. Today they are collected at pharmacies or police stations and disposed. It was shared about when piles of used tires could be seen along roads. Sometimes huge smoky fires would burn for days when tires were burned. We realize now that the effects on the environment was devastating. Today’s recycling of tires is good for the planet – but extra work. The same can be said about the recycling of plastics, glass, electronics and other items. Sometimes living green is more work – but much better for the environment.

Each month our Green Team publishes the “Green Corner. Many churches reproduce this in their bulletins or newsletters. To receive the “Green Corner”, that comes by e-mail, please contact the Green Team [nwpasynodgreenteam@gmail.com](mailto:nwpasynodgreenteam@gmail.com)

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.

Follow us on Facebook: Northwestern PA Synod Green Team-Evangelical Lutheran Church in America





**Please keep these members and friends in your prayers:**

Alice Tillotson (Mary Hauser's sister)

Eric Adkins and family

Vince Belinski

Karen Byrd

Julia – Cindy Geddes' Niece

Janice Kreger

MaryAnn Long and Russ Long

Penney Maloney

Denise Arnold and her sister, Lana Huhn

The Botwright family

Connie Cooper

Jim and Lorraine Hornaman

Kyle Husted

Carol and Gordon Ketchel

Patrick Lewis–friend of Sandy Kocur,

Sandy's cousin - Scott Farr

Sandy's close friend's son-in-law, John

Bishop Michael Lozano

Andy Potaki

Carole Rickrode

Bob and Sharon Roemer

All of our members & friends who are grieving;

Who are in nursing homes;

All who are ill at home

**We pray for those in the military:**

Christopher Peterson – Navy

*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, or send them a card.*

*The current Shut-In Mailing List is available in the office.*

***If you are sick or in the hospital, please notify the church office.***

***If you would like home communion or a copy of our newsletter, please contact the office.***

# Celebrations of Life and Love



7/4 George Pfeiffer, III

7/8 Carol McCray

7/9 Tean Summers

7/13 David Sierota

7/18 Donna Dorler

7/19 Michael Feiler

7/20 Cathy Shabla

7/21 Jennifer Hunter

7/22 Robert Roemer

7/23 Michelle Sturgeon

7/26 Cindy Eckman

7/30 Rebecca Rickrode

7/31 Stanley Holsopple

7/31 Michael Redditt



7/20 Mary & Robert Hauser

7/24 David & Cathy Bednar

7/25 Joseph & Anita Byrne



## **LITTLE FREE PANTRY AT IMMANUEL**

**IF IN NEED – TAKE SOMETHING IF YOU CAN  
SHARE - LEAVE SOMETHING**

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



## A Short Glimpse into the History of Stained Glass Windows.

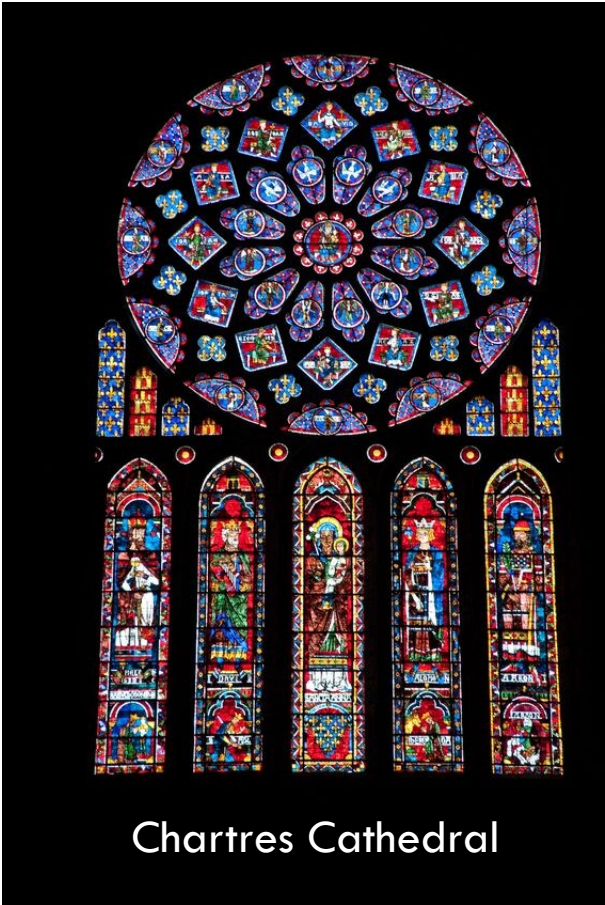
Evidence of stained glass windows have been documented in British monasteries as early as the 7th century, with the earliest known reference being 675 AD when [Benedict Biscop](#) commissioned French workmen to create the stained glass for the windows of the monastery of St Peter. In the 10th century, biblical scenes were seen in stained glass windows in churches in Germany and France as well as decorative stained glass in England.

During the middle ages is when stained glass really peaked in popularity, this was due to it's illustrative portrayal of the bible to a population, which was mostly illiterate. This period known as the Romanesque and early Gothic period saw the building of great cathedrals and churches, which were taller and lighter than ever before. The great window arches required large expanses of stained glass to fill them. In this era the stained glass artists used many pieces of coloured glass joined together by lead to create intricate designs and patterns, which had enormous complexity. The stained glass windows were complex and illustrated the stories of the bible and the lives of saints. However, the artists were not interested in how realistic the designs were, they emphasised more on illustration and ideas. This was reflected in their finished windows, which consisted of vividly coloured glass and sometime unsophisticated paintwork, nonetheless the windows created a beautiful atmosphere of light and colour in the churches and cathedrals in which they resided.

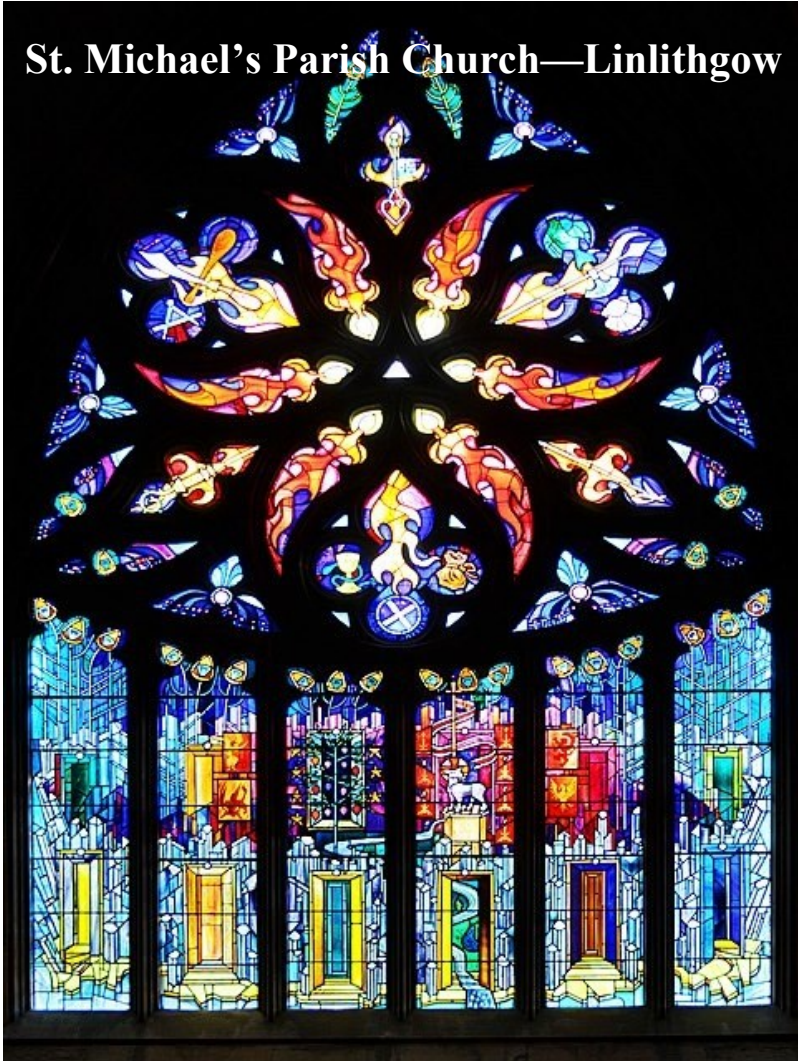
However, in the 15th Century the way that stained glass was made and viewed changed. The style evolved from the Gothic style to Classical. This new style portrayed stained glass more like a translucent picture, paler colours were used and the windows incorporated larger figures. The new style of stained glass lasted for about 300 years, It was viewed as a more sophisticated style and the glass painting reflected this. Lead lines were viewed as more of an obstruction of the picture rather than a decorative item. The finished result looked more like a a panel painting, and eventually most stained glass was made from white panels that were heavily painted to create the finished window. The stained glass of this era seemed to loose all of their previous glory and the atmosphere and symbolism that stained glass used to create was lost.

It was during this period, however, that stained glass became prominent in public buildings and houses. Painted details on simple transparent backgrounds were often seen. During the 18th century the removal of medieval stained glass was commonplace, the windows were destroyed and replaced with painted glass.

However, In the mid 1800's, due to the revival of the Catholic church in England, a resurgence in Gothic architecture was seen. Many new churches and cathedrals were built and many old churches were restored. This resulted in the rediscovery of medieval stained glass techniques and the demand for stained glass in the old Gothic style that we most commonly associate stained glass with today.



Chartres Cathedral



St. Michael's Parish Church—Linlithgow



Saint Raphael Parish

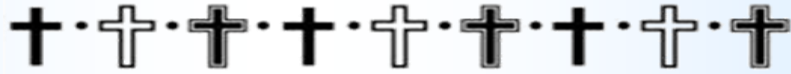


Dallas—Chapel of Thanksgiving

# 10 interesting Lutheran facts

- ◇ The Lutheran Church is the oldest Protestant tradition.
- ◇ Composer Johann Sebastian Bach, a devout Lutheran, is credited with 1,126 musical works listed in the complete Bach catalog (Bach-Werke-Verzeichnis, or BWV). He wrote about 200 cantatas, including at least two for each Sunday and holy day in the Lutheran church year.
- ◇ Since 1520, regular Lutheran services have been held in Copenhagen.
- ◇ Massive immigration from traditionally Lutheran countries to the United States between 1840 and 1875 resulted in 58 Lutheran synods being formed.
- ◇ The first Lutheran pastor to be ordained in the United States was German-born Justus Falckner on Nov. 24, 1703.
- ◇ German Lutheran Pastor Henry Muhlenberg was sent to North America as a missionary upon the request of Pennsylvania colonists. He is considered the patriarch of American Lutheranism.
- ◇ As late as the 19th century, Lutherans in the United States still looked to their European homelands to supply pastors and worship materials.
- ◇ Founded in 1826, the [Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg](#) in Pennsylvania is the oldest operating seminary in the ELCA.
- ◇ On Jan. 1, 1988, The American Lutheran Church, The Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, and The Lutheran Church in America officially merged to form the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).
- ◇ The ELCA is the largest Lutheran body in the United States.

Source: [www.livinglutheran.org](http://www.livinglutheran.org)



Date	Presider	Assistant	Lector
07/07/2024 9:30 AM	Kostur	Cindy Geddes	Cindy Geddes
07/14/2024 9:30 AM	Allie Leitzel	Bob Dorler	Debbie Madurski
07/21/2024 9:30AM	Kostur	Debbie Redditt	Cindy Eckman
07/28/2024 9:30 AM	Kostur	Bob Dorler	Cindy Eckman

If you would like to volunteer to Lector, please email or call the church office.



Lectors:

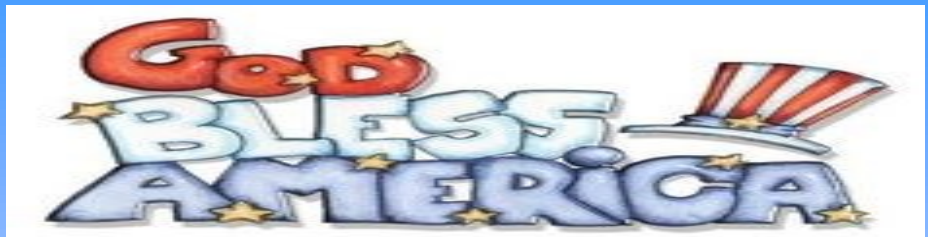
Remember to adjust microphone towards you & speak into it for all to hear!

I have prepared my readings, I have tried to take within me the meaning of what I am about to proclaim; help me, I ask, to read not just with my lips but with my whole heart and soul. Lord, make me a hollow reed so that Your Voice will be heard by all who will hear me.



**Altar Guild: Judy Stewart & Donna Dorler**  
**Counters: Cindy Geddes & Barbara Coughlin**  
**Usher: Bob Dorler**

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

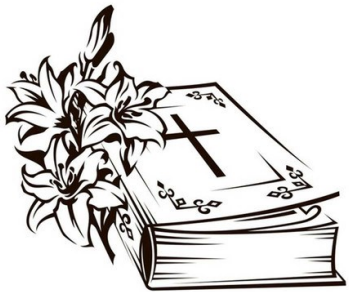


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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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See how well  
you did with  
Bible Trivia.



1. Aaron & Moses
2. Deborah
3. The harp (or lyre)
4. Garden of Gethsemane
5. Matthias
6. "Jesus wept" (John 11:35)
7. The first born son of all Egyptian families died
8. 1,000
9. Gopher wood
10. Ananias
11. 215 years
12. Be fruitful and multiply
13. Jacob
14. Anna
15. The son of Zarephath's daughter





# July Events in and around Erie

## Lights Over Lake Erie

Celebrate Independence Day with fireworks on Erie's historic bayfront! The City of Erie and Mercyhurst University is proud to continue this tradition with Lights over Lake Erie beginning at 10 p.m.

Free Erie Parking Authority garages in Downtown Erie from 4 pm—Midnight

Free EMTA shuttle bus from 8 pm—Midnight

For complete information please visit : <https://www.visiterie.com/events/>

## Wild Wednesdays at the Zoo

**Wednesdays just got WILD! Every Wednesday in the month of July the Erie Zoo extends its hours for their members and visitors to enjoy an evening full of entertainment, late access to the zoo, keeper talks, and Erie Zoo Members get extra discounts!**

**The events are July 3rd, July 10th, July 17th, & July 24th from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on each date. Nightly family-friendly entertainment will start at 6 p.m..**

## Panegyri Greek Festival 2024

The 36th Annual PANEGYRI Greek Festival is a summer tradition and a local favorite! Come and join us at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 4376 West Lake Road July 12 & 13 from 11 AM – 10 PM.

Come to Greece for the day and experience the most delicious Greek cuisine, pastries, and drinks; join in the Greek music and folk dancing; enjoy Greek culture with tours of the beautiful church with its incredible iconography; find unique products for sale including souvenirs, jewelry, handmade icons and religious items, and much more!!!  
**FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING.**



**AUG 3 – SEPT 8, 2024**

**Fri & Sat: 11AM – 9PM**

**Sun: 11AM – 7PM**

Immerse yourself in 3 acres of u-pick sunflowers, cosmos and zinnias during Summer Days at Port Farms (*formerly known as The Flower Festival*). Our Summer Days season has now expanded to include events & festivals every weekend!

- August 2: Season Pass Holder Day
- August 3, 4, 9, 10, 11: **Sweet Summer Days Festival**
- August 8, 15, 22, 29 & Sept 5: **Sunset Yoga Series**
- August 8: **Daddy Daughter Dance**
- August 9: **Mother Son Dance**
- August 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25: **Blooms, Bubbles & Butterflies**
- August 30, 31 & September 1, 6, 7, 8: Flower Fest & Craft Show (*peak flower picking season*)



**New in 2024!** A Mason Jar is now INCLUDED with admission so you can take home a bouquet of fresh blooms! If you're coming just to enjoy the attractions and choose not to pick flowers, you will receive a \$5 discount!

Summer Days is the perfect opportunity to add some color to your Instagram posts and enjoy time with friends.

Port Farms is family and dog-friendly. Summer at the farm makes a great date or an outing for all of your friends! As an added bonus, most of your favorite Port Farms activities will be open and are included with admission! Be sure to also visit our Beer Garden and on-site brewery, **Poverty Knob Farmhouse Ales!**



## Zesty Southern Cucumber Salad Recipe

- 3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 3 peeled and thinly sliced (about 2 lbs) cucumbers
- 1 (10 oz) container sliced in half grape tomatoes
- 1/2 medium very thinly sliced into half moons Vidalia onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped dill
- to taste kosher salt

freshly ground, to taste black pepper

In a large bowl, whisk together the vinegar, olive oil and sugar.

Toss in the cucumbers, tomatoes, onion and dill, and season with salt and pepper.  
Let marinate at room temperature for 20 minutes before serving.

**Immanuel**

Church Office 814-833-4062

Office Hours 8:30—12:30

Monday—Thursday

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## **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*

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/>

### **Staff**

Pastor Karen Kostur 814-833-4062

or Emergency #: 724-557-2386

Pastor’s Office Hours – Tuesday  
1:00-2:00 Thursday, 9:00am-2:00pm

Church Caretaker: Wally Coughlin

Organist/Music Director: Bryan Timm

Admin. Ofc.: Brenda Matson

### **2024 Congregation & Church Council Officers**

Pres: Bob Dorler 814-833-2719

VP: Rick Kuntz 814-572-3719

Sec.: Mary Hauser 814-397-7552

Fin. Sec.:C. Geddes 814-734-1286

Treasurer: Bill Redditt 814-833-9756

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

Council liaisons: Sally Leubin

### **Finance**

Council liaison: Vacant

Annual Budget

### **Property**

Council liaison: Bob Dorler & Rick Kuntz

Committee Chair: Debbie Redditt

### **FACILITY MAINTENANCE**

### **RENTAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

### **ONGOING BOILER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

### **Worship & Music**

Council liaison: Joe Byrne Chair: Sue Pfeiffer

### **Stewardship**

Council liaison: Dave Mays

### **Christian Education**

Council liaison: Mary Hauser

### **Social Ministry Committee**

Committee chair: Debbie Madurski



**2024 Council Members**