



Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 1

9:30 am Worship/Communion

Monday, September 2



Tuesday, September 3

7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 4

Thursday, September 5

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm NA

Friday, September 6

Saturday, September 7

9:00 am Picnic Set-Up



International Day of Charity – Any charitable donation, big or small, money or time, can go a long way to helping solve some of the world’s worst problems, such as child hunger or the environment. Every year, Charities all over the world help to save and improve people’s lives, fighting disease, protecting children, and giving hope to many thousands of people.

What Charity or cause will you donate to on this day?

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GIFT CARD BINGO

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

INDEPENDENT FIREHALL

306 Clark Street | S. Williamsport, Pa 17702



DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM | GAMES START AT 12:30 PM

PRE-SALE \$20 | \$25 AT THE DOOR

GAMES | PRIZES | FOOD

For more information, Contact Mary Schultz at 570-772-8021

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND GAMES TO BENEFIT

MESSIAH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



The Messiah Preschool will be hosting a Gift Card Bingo to benefit the Messiah Lutheran Preschool. This year the preschool will benefit from the monies raised and the proceeds will be used in a more general way, such as, mulch for the preschool playground, replace playground equipment, vacuum cleaner and most of all to update teaching materials to ensure all children are given the opportunity to succeed, ignite curiosity, nature creativity, and foster love for learning.

To make this event a success we are asking the congregation for your support.

Tickets will be available, before and after each service in the Narthex on these dates:

Sunday, September 22nd and 29th or anytime in the church office.

Other ways you can help:

- Donate a gift card of your choice for our Gift Card Bingo
- Make a themed basket to donate for our Chinese Auction
- Make baked goods to sell during the event

Deadline for gift cards and themed baskets is **October 18th.**

Baked good items are due **Friday, October 25th by NOON** in the church office.

PLEASE DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Service Assistants	
USHERS	Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Bill Reasner, Sally Congdon, Mike Gardner
LAY ASSISTANT	Janet Stroble
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Candy Watkins
ACOLYTE	Doriann Morris
ALTAR GUILD	Jody Fullmer, Jean Bower
GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTER	Howard and Jean Wilt
CANTOR	Candy Watkins
FLOWER DELIVERY	Jody Fullmer

Sunday, August 25: Attendance: **95**; Offering: **\$2,767.00**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lawrence and Alice Gee's wedding anniversary, with love by Debbie and Carl.

Bible Readings

Sunday, September 1: *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*
Monday, September 2: *Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:9-14; 1 Timothy 4:6-16*
Tuesday, September 3: *Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:15-20; 1 Peter 2:19-25*
Wednesday, September 4: *Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:21-40; Mark 7:9-23*
Thursday, September 5: *Psalm 146; Isaiah 30: 27-33; Romans 2:1-11*
Friday, September 6: *Psalm 146; Isaiah 32:1-8; Romans 2:12-16*
Saturday, September 7: *Psalm 146; Isaiah 33:1-9; Matthew 15:21-31*



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During work hours the office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3"
for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.



Articles for the **Messenger and Bulletin** are due in the office by **Monday at noon.**



Thank you to all for the continued cards and visits to see Nellie. This has been a difficult time made easier by your visits, cards, flowers, phone calls, and most importantly, your prayers.

*Thank you and God bless.
The Byham Family*

The Library Corner



Youth – **Sweet September** – Harvest at Heather Creek Farm is an exciting time. However, the Slater children don't seem to be getting into the spirit. One day while Christopher wanders through the fields, he stumbles across an old piece of metal buried in the ground. His quest to find out where it came from unlocks a forgotten chapter of the family's history. Book in the Youth Fiction section.

Adult – **How to Respond – MUSLIMS** – with this practical book, you'll gain a better understanding of what this growing religious group believes and its views on Christianity. You'll find answers to questions like: who is Muhammad? Who are the Muslims in North America and how do they promote Islam here? How does Islam compare with Christianity? This is one of many in this series of books we have in the library including: Judaism; Jehovah's Witnesses; New Age; Latter-day Saints; Satanism; Cults; the Lodge. These books are found in the Adult topical section.



Mark Your Calendars! Sunday, September 8, for our "Welcome Back Picnic" immediately after worship. All food will be provided, so all we need is you. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, please be sure to fill your name and amount of people attending so we will be sure to get the right amount of food.



Food Pantry: Items most needed this week are tuna fish, canned chicken, mac and cheese, mashed potatoes and dry milk.



Good Luck to everyone starting back to school! The first step towards achieving a good education is going to school. We wish you an amazing school year.

⁹I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Preschool Mums Fundraiser! It's time to order your fall mums. This is our **Fifth** year working with the Potting Bench, for our Mums Fundraiser and the mums have been beautiful! The **\$10 tickets** for the mums will be available the next few Sundays after worship in the Narthex or church office. For more information contact Linda Miller at 570-326-5405. You will be able to take your tickets to the Potting Bench at 324 Matthews Blvd. in S. Williamsport and choose your very own 9-inch potted mum(s). *More info on when the deadline is to pick up your mums.*



THANK YOU For Your Support!



Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 am and we can't wait to see you!

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 pm. We will continue our study on the Book of Psalms.



Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 5, at 7 PM in the music room. If you like to sing and would be willing to add your voice in singing praises to God, please join us.



Over the Top!

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Unbelievable!!! Once again, it is *so heartwarming* to see how the congregation has come together to share their love with children around the globe ... **YES!** We have not only reached our unofficial goal of filling **600 packs** - we have **topped it!**

Thank you all so very, very much for your heartfelt response to support this effort. God's grace abounds! And he has shown it through all of you.

If anyone else has already purchased items to donate, please bring them in as soon as possible to give us time to prepare the items and to get organized and set up for the Pack-a-Sack event.

Again ... Thank you for the wonderful outpouring of love and support.

~ Sally and Kathy

God's Work. Our Hands.

Save the date: Saturday, September 14, 5:00p.m.

Pack-a-Sack ~ Grades 3 thru Adult

(Younger children may help with the assistance of an adult.)

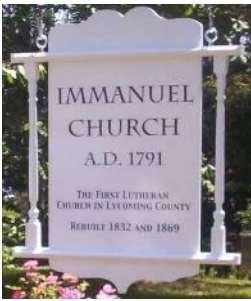


Now the real fun begins. Please join us for a Pizza Supper followed by a work session to fill the LWR Backpacks with school supplies.

We need you!

Please sign up in the narthex so that we know how much help is available and how much pizza to order. We have OODLES of packs to fill – *hope to see you there!*





Fall Hymn Sing at Old Immanuel Lutheran Church

The Rev. Bethany P. Wood, retired United Methodist minister, has chosen the theme “The Abundance of God’s Love” for the Annual Fall Hymn Sing at Old Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2633 Lime Bluff Road, Muncy. The service will take place on Sunday, October 13, 2024, at 2:30pm. Pastor Beth will accompany the service on the guitar, and be leading the congregation in hymns centering on God’s love for us, His children.

Old Immanuel is considered to be the mother church of Lutheranism in Lycoming County. Founded in 1791, it lived until its doors shut permanently in 1920. The first structure built on the property was of log; the second and third (the current) structures were of brick. The current building was dedicated in 1869, and contains two cornerstones, one in German dated 1832, and one in English dated 1869. At least 9 Revolutionary Soldiers and 5 Civil War Soldiers are buried in the historic cemetery. The church was built on land donated by Henry and Barbara Shoemaker, of “Shoemaker Mills” at the Route 442/405 intersection.

At one time, there was a school associated with Old Immanuel, and the church contained a gallery, a wine-glass pulpit, and enough straight-backed pews to seat 600 people.

Old Immanuel closed its doors for regular services in 1920, after giving rise to 19 other Lutheran congregations. Some of these have also closed their doors, such as Trinity (Huntersville), St. Paul’s (Millville), Germany Church (at one time known as St. John’s), Katy’s Church (at one time known as Immanuel Lutheran), Christ Lutheran (Montgomery), Messiah (Alvira), the Stone Church in ElimSPORT, and Zion’s, also in ElimSPORT. Others, such as Moreland Lutheran (at one time known as St. John’s) and St. Mark’s Lutheran (Lairdsville) have taken on new identities as they have become home to other congregations.

Churches that have sprung up from Old Immanuel that continue with the Lutheran tradition include Trinity and Mount Zion, Hughesville; St. Andrew, Muncy; St. James, Muncy; Messiah, Clarkstown; St. John’s, Gordner’s Grove; St. John’s (Brick), Montgomery; and Bethany, Montoursville.

Recently, several dead trees have been removed from the property, and the church’s roof has received a new coat of paint. In addition, the church’s belltower has been renovated and refurbished. A free-will offering will be taken to help offset the cost of these and other on-going expenses.

The public is invited to attend this service as well as to tour the historic church. Light refreshments will be served on the church lawn after the service. Please note that the church does not have running water or electricity. For more information, or to follow Old Immanuel more closely, “Like” us on FaceBook!!