

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SHARE IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

- **SUNDAY SERVICES AT 11:00 AM**
- **CHOIR**
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
- **BIBLE STUDY**
- **ADULT EDUCATION HOUR**
- **SOCIAL MINISTRY**
- **OUTREACH**
- **HALF CENTURY GROUP**

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JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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The Calendar reflects "Church" events only. For information in regard to "Use of Building" by outside groups , please see the church calendar in church office, or contact Fred Warner. .	1	2	3
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4 12:00 PM Worship & Music Mtg. Christian Ed Mtg.	5	6 7:00 PM Bible Study <i>(Zoom)</i>	7	8	9	10 8:30 AM Cars, Coffee, & Christ St. Matthew Woodlyn
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11 - Deacon 12:00 PM Council Mtg.	12 5:30 PM Resource Mtg	13	14	15	16	17
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18 - Baptism 	19	20	21	22	23	24
Pastor Vacation						

25 - Deacon 12:00 PM RIC Celebration Diversity Picnic	26	27	28	29	30	
Pastor Vacation						

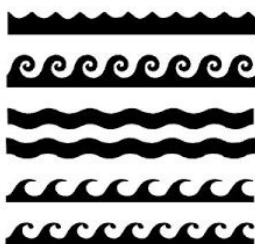


There will not be any **Half Century Luncheon** during the summer months of June, July, and August. We will resume our gatherings in September. Come join us for fellowship and great food!

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PASTOR'S PEN



As summer and vacation season quickly approach, let us continue to be mindful of our Baptism as we play in various bodies of water. Let us also reflect on the miracle of life that is given so abundantly to us.



God's presence can be detected even in the most commonplace substances, like water. All of us have physical bodies that are mostly water! God provides the water for life. Our planet is close enough to the sun to provide the liquid water that is necessary for life. But if it were just a little farther away, all that water would become ice!

While water itself is a very small molecule (just a three-atom unit of hydrogen and oxygen) it is a primary ingredient of our planet. God's design of how water's specific molecules behave (and the impact water has on our entire planet) is an example of God's creative design and custodial presence, even on the smallest and largest scales.

Beautiful clouds and sunsets inspire praise for the Creator who forms them. Because God's creative presence is shown in even commonplace yet needful things, we are blessed by the huge quantities of water that flow through our bodies and the Earth.

As we get ready for summer and playing outside, let us be reminded of the beauty of God's creation and that we too are part of the beautiful creation.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Lee

CHURCH STAFF

- *Pastor*
The Rev. Scott R. Lee
- *Secretary*
Vi Mayberry
- *Director of Music,*
Kathleen Schneider

CHURCH COUNCIL

- *Jean Crane*
- *Fran Fisher*
- *Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus*
Vice President
- *Joe Kintsche*
- *Karl McClellan*
- *Joyce Morrison - Secretary*
- *Fred Warner*
- *Don Watts*
- *Robin Woodrow - President*





Property is still seeking individuals to help with maintaining the outside grounds of Immanuel. We have been blessed with a very experienced “team” of people through the Property committee who take care of the lawn with over 180 years of experience! The only issue is those 180 years are across three people and if you do the math you'll see why at the moment "Old Guys Rule" **but we really do need added able bodied hands to pitch in.** By the time you receive this newsletter, summer season will require that the chores be performed on a weekly basis. Chores include: 1. Pick up the trash, 2. Cut the grass in front of the church, 3. Cut the grass along Winona Ave side, 4. Trim along edges, 5. Blow off/sweep the sidewalks. Presently it takes one of the current "Old Guys" to take care of these tasks in about 2 hours. Added hands, and maybe even teaming people up, could make it go faster and lighten the load.

Property continues to ask your support with the purchase/donation of paper products and cleaning supplies (paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, toilet bowl cleaner, counter cleaner, etc.) to keep our cabinets stocked. Items can be placed on the table in the cloak room.

In all of these efforts “Many hands make for little work.” Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to do to help. If you’d like more details about what is involved, and how you might be able to help, please see Fred Warner, Chairperson for the Property Committee.

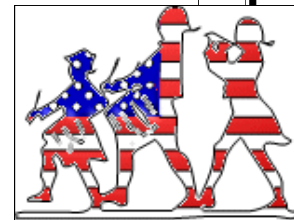


IMMANUEL TO BE PART OF NORWOOD'S 4TH JULY PARADE



We will again be walking in the 4th July Parade. We want to invite you to join us. It's a great way to get our name out in the community. We carry the VBS banner and give out information about the church along the parade route. The more the merrier!

The parade is to be held on July 4th (rain date July 8th). If you would like to march in the parade with us, we are to assemble at Interboro High School parking lot on Amosland road in Prospect Park at 8:00 AM. If you would like to come out and cheer us on, the parade steps off at 8:30 AM. Please see Colleen Kelly or Karl McClellan with questions.





As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood, commits to celebrating the love of God with ALL people as we are all made in God's image. Whatever your abilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, race, culture, faith tradition or economic circumstance; whatever your past or present – you are welcome to share in God's love and our community.

Diversity Picnic June 25th, 2023 after Worship.

Several years ago we made a commitment to welcome all to our church and our activities. We voted to include our "Reconciling in Christ" welcome statement (see above) in our publications, and to be inclusive in all our activities. Let's celebrate this welcome at a picnic. The meat/vegetarian protein (hot dogs and burgers) and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. We'll meet outside on the lawn, if weather permits, OR we'll picnic in the basement, if weather demands. Please bring your favorite lawn game!

The Norwood Historical Society, Inc.

10 West Cleveland Avenue • Norwood, PA 19074

The Norwood Historical Society, Inc. is awarding plaques to the four Churches, Norwood United Methodist Church (March 1888), Immanuel Lutheran Church (June 1888), St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (Dec 1892), and St. Gabriel Roman Catholic Church (Nov 1891). "Although the outside of the buildings changed, the existence of these Churches from the late 19th century, the Spirit, dedication, and value is immeasurable."

The Norwood Historical Society is hosting the event on Sunday, June 4th, 2023 at the historic Morton Morton House (1750) between 2:00-3:00PM. **Pastor Lee will be attending to accept the preservation award plaque on behalf of Immanuel Lutheran.** To learn more about the Norwood Historical Society, please visit: <http://www.norwoodpahistorical.org>

Resource Celebrates Diversity as we approach our 135th!

Boy time flies! Here it is June, and this month summer arrives! This is also the month we celebrate our Diversity of all kinds! Diversity applies to our own financial standings as well. Whether you are a working person, still in school, retired or some other situation, we all can find a way to give back to our church with our Time, Talents and Treasure. We all must remember we already received the Greatest Gift ever...GOD gave his SON to suffer and die to pay for our sins. Now as we move into summer the question is, what will we do as we prayerfully consider our generosity toward Immanuel in light of God's gifts to us?

Especially in the summer with the nicer weather, vacations, camping, time off from school and other activities it could become a challenge to make your regular offerings to your church, so **why not simplify and make that easy and automatic?** Here are **two ways** you can do that:

1. **Your Bank:** Set up a monthly cashier's check to be drawn on one of your accounts and mailed to the church. This is a recurring process so you don't have to worry about it! For example Wells Fargo will help you set this up at no cost to you! Contact your bank and they can help you set it up.
2. **Tithely:** Consider using the safe, secure, easy virtual method with this QR code with your smart phone. There are also buttons on our website and Facebook pages. Tithely can also set up a recurring, automatic monthly donation using one of your credit cards. There is a nominal fee with this.



What Else Can We Do?

- Support our fund raisers! **Raise Rite Gift Cards** are back in time for Father's Days!
- Jump on the band wagon for the **Food Gift Coupons** available EVERY week year round!! After all, we all eat right? Why not help your church at the super market checkout line!
- Thank you to those who have already helped us with our **Heating Oil Campaign where you have contributed \$5,799.08 through April.** The heating season budget for the past 12 months wraps up soon and we anxiously await our new budget numbers.
- Speaking of your treasure, some of the most valuable must be those times that God has touched your life, an experience, an answered prayer, some unexpected blessing, maybe even an experience with an Angel! You have an opportunity to share your treasure, and very possibly make a difference in someone else's life! **Be willing to share your story.** You will see one of our member's stories in this newsletter!
- Be a 135th Anniversary Patron! We'll celebrate our 135th year in October! There will be an opportunity for everyone to make a donation toward our anniversary and then be listed in the program for that day! We will be asking for names from you of friends and family who have been

part of Immanuel over the years and maybe they moved away. **We plan to send out a BIG mailing to everyone we know**, past and present members, to give us all a chance to join the celebration, to donate and be recognized for our support of Immanuel! Look for more details to come.

“Thank you” to all of you who give of your Time, Talents and Treasures to make it possible for Immanuel to fulfill our mission here and to continue to do so now and beyond our 135th year!

Thank you, Your Resource Committee: Jeanne Warner, Karl McClellan & Sandy Hendrick



HELP YOUR CHURCH WHILE YOU EAT!!

WE SELL ACME/SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS!!!



NOW AVAILABLE IN \$10 - \$100 DENOMINATIONS!!

FOR EVERY GIFT CARD WE SELL, AND YOU USE, **WE GET 5%!!**

Please see Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus on Sundays to purchase gift cards. Cash or checks are welcome!

PLEASE BUY THE GIFT CARDS AND HELP OUT IMMANUEL!

Little Free Pantry

Thanks so much for all your donations!

Our Pantry continues to get regular use, and is currently quite low on nonperishables. Please remember to add items to your regular grocery shopping and bring them to church OR purchase a gift card for a local grocery store and donate, so that our congregational shoppers, Piee and Bill Fagan can use it to replenish the pantry! Thanks again for your continued support.



THANK YOU!



Immanuel is excited to have VBS again this year the week of Aug 7th –11th, 9am – 11:30am. This is such a rewarding experience to reach out to the children and families in our community. We are one of the few who are still able to hold VBS during the day. The more volunteers the better. Can you help? We will be meeting again Sunday, Jul 9th after church. Please see Pastor Scott or Jeanne Warner to sign up to help.

Registration is open at immanuelnorwood.org
click on Calendar to find the Vacation Bible School registration form.



I would like to thank the teachers and the children, and adults who attended the Educational Hour. The classes have come to a close but please watch for the classes to start up in September. ~ Mary Lyn

Have a great and safe summer!

Social Ministry wishes everyone a safe and relaxing summer! We will be enjoying the summer before we gear up for fall/ winter activities. Just a reminder to join us celebrating Father's Day on June 18th.

Celebrate Father's Day
Sunday June 18th
at Immanuel with carnations and refreshments!



Happy June from the Deacons, Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus & Joe Kintsche. We are here for you to help where we can. We would like to wish all the Dads and male mentors a Happy Father's Day.

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Cars, Coffee & Christ Update ~ Immanuel Norwood & St. Matthews Woodlyn

Lutheran churches are hosting our new “Cars, Coffee and Christ” Outreach Ministry on Saturdays once a month (weather permitting) in St Matthews parking lot located at 160 Fairview Road, Woodlyn, Pa. from 8:30 to 10:30 am. No pre-registration is required.



Car owners and fans always enjoy a cup of coffee and the opportunity to show and/or chat about their cars. **Cars, Coffee and Christ** combines these activities with Christian fellowship. This event is open to all makes, models and faiths. In addition to coffee, there will be snacks and the opportunity to share conversation, experiences and faith. There will be a “mailbox” for prayer requests. Check our web sites for specific dates. **The June “CCC” is planned for June 10th.** Please share the word! For more information, contact Karl McClellan at krmcfamily@aol.com

**Immanuel’s 135th Celebration
October 22nd!**

Immanuel Lutheran Church celebrates 135 years of doing God’s work in Norwood Pennsylvania and surrounding communities in 2023. We are planning a special service at 11:00 am followed by a celebration luncheon at the church on October 22nd. There will be honored guests including our Bishop, the Reverend Patricia A. Davenport, on hand to help us commemorate this significant milestone.



We hope that you will “Save that Date” to join us! There will be much more information in the coming months about the service, the event, the luncheon and how you can support the event including the chance to be an event sponsor. Look for more details in our newsletters, bulletins and on our web site at www.immanuelnorwood.org. For questions please contact our church office. We hope to see you there!



T-Shirts! Show your Immanuel spirit! Celebrate our 135th Anniversary.

The Outreach Committee will be accepting orders for T-shirts that will have “Immanuel Lutheran, est. 1888” and a line drawing of the church (in black) with the multi-color heart logo of Reconciling in Christ on the sleeve of the light gray color tee. Adult unisex sizes and children’s sizes available. The cost will be \$15. Order by June 11 to receive your shirt by July 2 for the 4th of July Parade. Order forms are available at church or by email to jemorrison28@gmail.com. Please pay when you order. Orders will be processed again for delivery before our anniversary celebration in October.



Fran Fisher shares a story: Mom's Car and the Angel

My story goes back to my Mom. She had many cars over the years and would even fix them up.

Mom once traded her two year old Ford Fiesta for a larger white Ford with a spoiler. But after a while she didn't like how heavy the trunk lid was due to the spoiler. So again Mom went to her car dealer and got a small car again, this time a black 2002 Ford Escort. She always paid for her car with a charge card.

Mom used that car for doctor visits and food shopping in Woodbury. She ended up in the hospital a couple of times for health issues. Once she was no longer driving I ended up buying the car from her. Sadly she passed away in 2011.

The little black car was used for teaching grandchildren how to drive. Mom always had a little metal Angel clipped to her car's visor. All the Grandchildren got Angels for their cars too. That little car was borrowed by everybody.

It was really hard when it came time to sell "Mommy's Car" as we all called it. After we cleaned out all of our stuff from the car, we took it to our mechanic Greg's shop. There he cleaned it and checked it over before we sold it. It still ran very well! It turned out that Greg had a buyer, his sister in law Diane was looking for a car for her daughter and "Mommy's car" was just right.

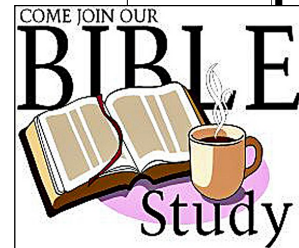
I picked up Diane and we went to Hunters Auto to get the title transferred. While going through the paperwork, Diane and I had a great conversation and really got along well. Ironically, I found out she knew my son Billy. As we talked sitting there in the office, she told me that her husband, who is the same age as my Billy, was just diagnosed with Parkinson's.

After we finished the title transfer, while walking back to the car, I said I was sorry but I did not have an Angel for her car's visor. Just as I stepped off the walkway, I looked down and there was a nice metal Angel lying on the ground! I picked it up and said to her, here is your Angel for the little "Mommy Car"! Diane looked at the Angel as she held it in her hand and that made me feel very good because Mom's car had always been protected by an Angel. And now this Angel had appeared at just the right moment. Diane needed some comfort in her life and this Angel showed up to offer that and protect her "new" car. I believe this was God at work somehow providing that Angel at just the right time to Diane.



Thank you Fran, for sharing your personal faith experience. As Christians, we see God's loving hand and feel his presence in many day to day activities. Our individual stories can help others see God's loving care. If you would like to share your story (print, video, or during worship), get in touch with Pastor Lee or an Outreach Committee member: Jean Crane, Piee Fagan, Colleen Kelly, Karl McClellan or Joyce Morrison.

Our 7:00 PM Tuesday night **Zoom Bible study** will be taking the summer off, once we finish our current book in early June. We will start back up a week or so after Labor Day. Please see the September newsletter for details. We sure hope you'll join us! Those who have been attending are really enjoying the "Life Guide" books we use and the excellent discussions we have. We'd love to have more come on board to share our 1 hour per week session as we work to learn more about our Bible. If you have question please contact Karl McClellan or Fred Warner, Co-Leaders



Our prayers include the following persons as they recall their **Baptism in June** and promises made to God and by God:

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| Imgard Czymek | Amanda Onimus | Lydia Grieb |
| Leonidas Yates | Nancy McHugh | Robert Narcavage |
| Victoria Slotterback | | |

THE POWER OF PRAYER

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| ♥ Rita Petty | ♥ Jim Mullin | ♥ Marie Parnell |
| ♥ Catherine Schied | ♥ Allen & Grace Bradley | ♥ John Dettinger & Family |
| ♥ Pat Brolly | ♥ Theresa Daniels | ♥ John DeProphetis |
| ♥ Barb Calciano | ♥ Sandra Kessler | ♥ Art McClellan |
| ♥ Flossie Cora | ♥ Don Giswold | ♥ All affected by Cancer |
| ♥ Pat Bonner | ♥ Carol Hendrickson | ♥ Peace in Ukraine |
| ♥ Amy Williams | | |



APRIL CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
April	0	0	38	32

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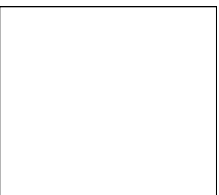
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Secretary: immanuel@vertzon.net

The Rev. Scott R. Lee, Pastor

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



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ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

For Whom:

ALTAR FLOWERS

- In Honor of
- In Memory of
- In Celebration of

BULLETINS

- In Honor of
- In Memory of
- In Celebration of

DETAILS:

- ANNIVERSARY
- BIRTHDAY
- BAPTISM
- GRADUATION
- LOVED ONES
- OTHER

Prices and Ordering Information

Altar Flowers: \$30.00
Contact Fran Fisher (610.586.3095)

Bulletins: \$20.00
Contact the Church Office for available dates.

Name of Sponsor(s): How it will appear in Service Bulletin

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