

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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MAY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	3	4	5 Synod Assembly	6 Synod Assembly
7 Pentecost Flowers 12:00 PM Worship & Music Mtg. Christian Ed Mtg.	8	9 5:30 PM Resource Mtg. 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	10	11	12	13 8:30 AM Cars, Coffee & Christ St. Matthew's Woodlyn
14 Pentecost Flowers 12:00 PM Outreach Mtg. 	15	16 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	17 12:00 PM Half Century	18 Ascension Day 6:00 PM Refreshments 7:00 PM Worship St. Timothy's Aston	19	20 4:05 PM Lutheran Night @ the Phillies
21 12:00 PM Council Mtg.	22	23 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	24	25	26	27
					Pastor Vacation	
28  Pastor Vacation	29 	30 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	31	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 Vi Mayberry or Fred Warner.		

SAVE
the **DATE**

Sunday, **June 25**, we will sponsor a diversity picnic after service on the church lawn (weather permitting). Watch for further details in the June newsletter.

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PASTOR'S PEN

You are perfect just as you are, but you can always be better.

I first heard this statement muttered by a Zen master at a meditation retreat in my early twenties and it's stubbornly stuck with me ever since. In fact, the older I get, the more wisdom I see in it. You are already good enough as you are, but you can also always be better.



There is an inherent tension between self-acceptance and self-improvement. This tension is within each of us. On the one hand, we want to feel at peace with ourselves, to understand that we are good, valuable, worthy human beings and we deserve love and respect and occasional backrubs.

On the other hand, unless you're comatose, it's abundantly clear that we have no clue what we're doing most of the time. We mess up all the time. There are so many ways we could be better, that we could learn more, achieve more, grow more, etc.

I love this idea because it bluntly acknowledges that this internal tension will never go away. It doesn't matter how productive, competent, and awesome you become, there will always be something that you just are not good at. That gnawing sense of inadequacy will never be conquered. There is no perfection, only progress.

But, at the same time, you are still a worthy and valuable human being, regardless of how screwed up you are, regardless of how many mistakes you've made, regardless of how much room for growth you may have.

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*



The beauty of this idea is that it shows that self-acceptance and self-improvement need each other, and that having one without the other inevitably leads to dysfunction. If you're all self-acceptance without self-improvement, then you become a lazy, indulgent, selfish person. If you are all self-improvement with no self-acceptance, then you become a neurotic, hyper-critical, over-anxious mess.

Self-acceptance doesn't work without self-improvement. Self-improvement doesn't work without self-acceptance. You are perfect just as you are, but you can always be better.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Lee



But We Really Should Not! Our church is 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.

Once the growing season hits we typically do the following on a weekly basis: 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/swept the sidewalks. When one of your current "Old Guys" does this in total it takes about 2 hours. Added hands, and maybe even teaming people up, could make it go faster and lighten the load.

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.



Communion by Intinction is back.

For those that are not comfortable with Holy Communion by intinction (*coming forward, taking the wafer and dipping it into the wine/grape juice*), Fellowship cups will still be available to pick up on the way into the Sanctuary.

Immanuel Is Invited!

Ascension Day, Thursday May 18th 2023 at 7:00 PM

We celebrate Ascension Day 40 days after Easter and 10 days before Pentecost, always on a Thursday. We celebrate that Jesus was taken up into heaven 40 days after his resurrection from the dead. In the Creed we say that we believe in Jesus who "*ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty*". Jesus' ascension marks the end of his life on earth.

This year our Synod's Delaware Conference is inviting our 20 congregations to join together!

- * At **St. Timothy's** located at 535 Lamp Post Lane, Aston, Pa. 19014
- * 6 PM for light Refreshments
- * 7 PM Communion Service
- * Service conducted by members of your Executive Committee and St Tim's
- * Sermon by Rev. Bryan Penman, SEPA's Co-Director of Congregational Vitality & Evangelical Mission
- * There will be an opportunity to **sing in a combined choir** this year! Please see Kathleen for details. Singers are welcome to attend an open rehearsal at Holy Spirit in Secane on Sunday, May 7th at 1pm. The plan is for any singers to arrive at 6pm for our combined choir rehearsal prior to the 7pm worship on Ascension Day.
- * Our Delaware Conference is **doing a Service Project for Ascension Day** with the DELCO Food Project! All of our congregations can help by collecting Laundry products which have been identified by the Food Project as needed at this time. *That includes small to medium bottles of laundry detergent, stain remover products, fabric softeners, etc. Please donate anything you would love to use when doing your own laundry!* There is a bin in our Hospitality Area for your donations. Thanks in advance for your generosity as we fill the role of "Neighbors helping Neighbors".
- * Any overall questions about Ascension Day can be directed to Karl McClellan, Chairperson for Your Delaware Conference Executive Committee, at krmcfamily@aol.com



**We hope and pray that you can join us for this
celebration service!**

WE GOT IT! THE Greatest Gifts Ever from GOD!

In the month of April we celebrated Easter. We got the Greatest Gift ever, GOD gave his SON to suffer and die to pay for our sins. Now as we move into May and beyond, the question is what will we do?

We all need to prayerfully consider our generosity toward Immanuel in light of God's gifts to us. At our Annual meeting we did approve the 2023 budget with a projected deficit of about \$11,000. Please reflect on what your church means to you, pray, be generous with your time, talents & treasure.

In the Bulletin we now report our church's "Income" versus "Expenses". **Did you notice that? February Income was \$6,989. vs Expenses \$ 9,940. March Income was \$7,371 vs Expenses \$10,584.** Now it looks as of this writing that April will be a better month with Easter offerings but it shows **WE HAVE WORK TO DO! _What Can We Do?**

- Support our fund raisers! **Raise Rite Gift Cards** are back in time for Mother's and Father's Days!
- Jump on the band wagon for the **Food Gift Coupons** available EVERY week year round!! 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**. The heating season continues and the budget is now for 12 months so please continue to help us with that!
- **Make regular giving a habit.** Consider using the safe, secure, easy virtual method with the QR code below with your smart phone. There are also buttons on our website and Facebook pages.

WHAT
NOW ?




- 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, or maybe even an experience with an Angel! During the past two months there were Stories on our Facebook page! Did you see them? And another was shared during a service! Did you hear it?

- 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 in several places again in this newsletter that Immanuel is requesting stories to share. There will be many ways to do it so there will be one that is comfortable for you. Please prayerfully consider the request. It is another wonderful way for you to share your treasure!

"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!

Sincerely,

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 your Easter donations!

Our Pantry continues to get regular use, please remember to add an item or two to your regular grocery shopping and bring it to church OR purchase a gift card for a local grocery store and donate that to our congregational shoppers, Piee and Bill Fagan! Thanks again for your continued support.



THANK YOU!

Order Your Geraniums for Pentecost! We will be ordering geraniums to adorn our Altar area on Pentecost Sunday. If you would like to place a plant (s) in the Sanctuary, we will be taking orders **through Sunday, May 14th**. Please use the envelope provided by the Altar Guild members for the completion of your order and include the **number of plants, payment, and dedication** for the bulletin in your envelope. **The price per plant this year will be \$4.00.**



Spring Fundraiser ~ “RaiseRight/Script Gift Cards”

Looking for gifts for Mother’s Day? Father’s Day? Graduations? Or maybe treating yourself to a dinner out. Make it easy with gift cards and help Immanuel also.



RaiseRight.

Immanuel is selling gift cards for just about every store you may want. Immanuel will get a percentage back from sales. Forms are available on the table in the hospitality area or call the office and we will email you the form. Fill out form, make out your check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and hand in to Jeanne Warner or the office.

Orders will be sent in for purchase will be Apr 30 and May 28. Please allow 10 days to receive the gift cards. Don’t see a store you need, you can go on-line at www.raiserright.com and see if it is available and add to your list or ask Jeanne W. and she will check. Thanks for all your support!

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.



We are a
RECONCILING *in* CHRIST
Congregation



Lutheran Night at the Phillies 2023
Saturday, May 20th, at 4:05 pm
Phillies vs. Chicago Cubs

The Phils should be exciting this year, fresh off their World Series appearance in 2022. Catch the action and help fund SEPA Synod Youth Programs by buying tickets to Lutheran Night at the Phillies, Saturday, May 20 at 4:05 p.m.

Ordering your tickets is simple: Go to www.phillies.com/lutheran. Use the password: LUTHERAN. Then select from available tickets. Please contact Shannon Profy in the Phillies Sales Office at 215.218.5465 with any questions

Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group in May! Pack a lunch and join us on the 3rd Wednesday of May, the 17th, at noon for good company, conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



CARS, COFFEE & CHRIST
HOSTED BY
Immanuel Norwood and St. Matthews Woodlyn Lutheran Churches
in St. Matthews' Parking Lot



SATURDAY May 13, 2023 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

BRING SOMETHING TO SHOW, OR JUST COME FOR THE COFFEE!

"A CHANCE TO SHARE STORIES — AND SHOW YOUR RIDE"

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www.stmatthewlutheranwoodlyn.org



Do you have a story to tell? God works in our lives and our Immanuel family in many ways. Sometimes with a big obvious action, but often in a quiet peaceful way. As we celebrate the 135th Anniversary of Immanuel, let's share the stories of how God has made Themselves known in our lives. Stories can be shared in many ways: by video on Facebook, in writing for the newsletter, speaking to the congregation at a worship service or by just talking to one of the Outreach Committee members (we'll write it up for you.) Questions? Contact Pastor Lee or any Outreach Committee member (Jean Crane, Margaret (Piee) Fagan, Colleen Kelly, Karl McClellan or Joyce Morrison)

Acts 2:1-4

Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

2023
May 28, 2023



Pentecost



THE POWER OF PRAYER

- ♥ Rita Petty
- ♥ Catherine Schied
- ♥ Pat Brolly
- ♥ Barb Calciano
- ♥ Flossie Cora
- ♥ Pat Bonner
- ♥ Amy Williams
- ♥ Jim Mullin
- ♥ Allen & Grace Bradley
- ♥ Theresa Daniels
- ♥ Sandra Kessler
- ♥ Don Giswold
- ♥ Bud McClellan
- ♥ Carol Hendrickson
- ♥ All affected by Covid
- ♥ Peace in Ukraine



MARCH CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
March	0	0	30	29

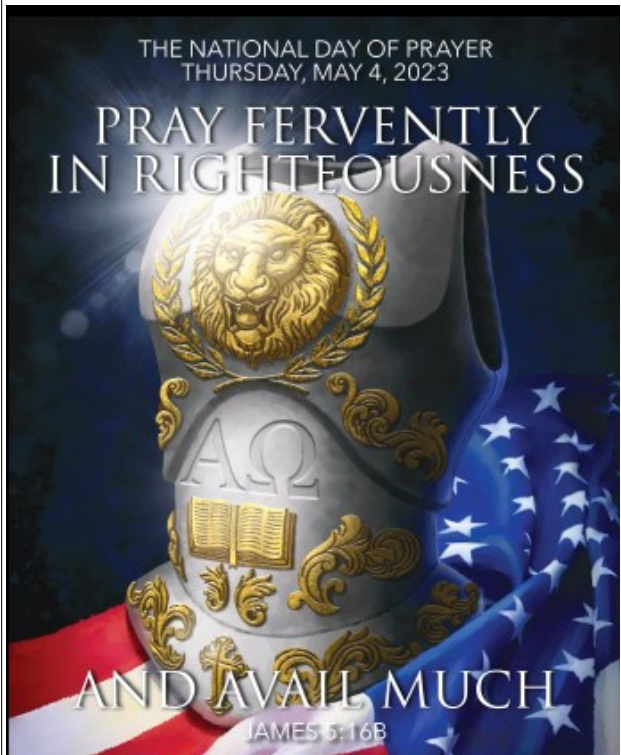


Our prayers include the following persons as they recall their **Baptism** in **May** and promises made to God and by God:

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|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Carolyn Campbell | Elena Enriquez | Keira Lee |
| Jason DeLong | David Guzik | Susan Stevenson |
| Brianna DeLong | Richard Guzik | Robin Woodrow |
| Alejandro Enriquez | Julia Lee | |



Join the
DELAWARE COUNTY
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
 Celebration
 Rose Tree Park in Media, PA
 (Rt 252 & Rt 1)
 11:30 AM
Thursday May 4, 2023
 Celebrating 72 years of annual prayer in the United States!
 Bring a chair for comfort. Picnic lunches welcome! Feel free to come and go as your schedule allows. The program usually runs until 2:30PM.
<https://www.nationaldayofprayerdelco.com/>



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Church Office Hours

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



MAY 2023

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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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Phone