

# 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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"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
his Love endures for ever."

Psalms 107:1



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# NOVEMBER 2023

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue                           | Wed                            | Thu   | Fri                                   | Sat   |
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| <p><b>The Calendar reflects “Church” events only.</b><br/>                     For information in regard to <b>“Use of Building”</b><br/>                     by <b>outside groups</b>, please see the church<br/>                     calendar in the church office, or contact Vi<br/>                     Mayberry or Fred Warner.</p> |  |                               | 1                              | 2<br>7:00 PM<br>Bible Study<br>(Zoom)                                 | 3                                     | 4   |
| <p>5 <b>All Saints Day</b><br/>                     12:00 PM<br/>                     Christian Ed Mtg<br/>                     Worship &amp; Music Mtg.</p>  <p>Daylight Savings</p>  | 6  | 7                             | 8                              | 9<br>7:00 PM<br>Bible Study<br>(Zoom)                                 | 10                                    | 11<br>Veteran's Day   |
| <p>12 Poinsettia Sale<br/>                     Children's Sermon<br/>                     12:00 PM<br/>                     Outreach Mtg.</p>   | 13   | 14<br>5:30 PM<br>Resource Mtg | 15<br>12:00 PM<br>Half Century | 16<br>7:00 PM<br>Bible Study<br>(Zoom)                                | 17<br>Office Closed                   | 18<br>1:00 PM<br>Healing Service  |
| <p>19 Poinsettia Sale<br/>                     12:00 PM<br/>                     Council Mtg.</p>    | 20   | 21                            | 22                             | 23<br>Office Closed<br>Thanksgiving                                   | 24<br>Office Closed                   | 25  |
| <p>26 Poinsettia Sale</p>   | <p>27<br/>2:00-7:00 PM<br/>Blood Drive</p>  | 28                            | 29                             | 30<br>6:00 PM<br>Bazaar Setup<br><br>7:00 PM<br>Bible Study<br>(Zoom) | 1 December<br>6:00 PM<br>Bazaar Setup | 2 December<br>9:00 AM<br>Christmas<br>Bazaar  |
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## PASTOR'S PEN

November is a great time for giving thanks. We come to a time of harvest and time to look back on what we have sown throughout the year and find there is much to give thanks for.

WE MAKE  
A LIVING  
BY WHAT WE GET,  
BUT WE MAKE  
A LIFE BY  
WHAT WE GIVE.

As we grow in our Christlikeness, a disciple is called to be a good steward with time, talents and treasure. Psalm 24 states "the Earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

We are called to be stewards or managers of God's creation. Because God is the owner and we are the managers, we are responsible and accountable to God for what we do with all that he entrusts to us.

God chose to accomplish his plan on earth through us. We are God's hands and feet and mouth. Through each of us, he wants to impact the church and the world. By ourselves we are helpless, but, with God's help and strength, we can be effective workers in his Kingdom. Join us starting November 5<sup>th</sup> as we seek to be transformed through stewardship and generosity.

~ 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*



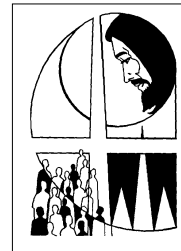
## DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH US!!

WE SELL ACME/SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS! FOR EVERY GIFT CARD WE SELL, AND YOU USE, WE GET 5%!!

See Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus for additional information and the purchase of gift cards. Cash or checks are welcome!



**All Saint's Day** - All Saint's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. During the service, the names of those who passed this past year will be read and a bell rung. There will also be a time for folks to come up and light a candle in memory of a loved one. All are welcome. **Bring your friends and families!**




### Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group

Pack a lunch and join us on the 3rd Wednesday of November, the 15th, at noon for good company, conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

**RAISERIGHT/SCRIPT GIFT CARDS** ~ Starting your Christmas shopping yet? Make it easy with gift cards and help Immanuel also. 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.

Dates that orders will be sent in for purchase will be Oct 29, Nov 19 and Dec 3rd. Please allow 2 weeks to receive the gift cards. If you don't see a store you need, you can go on-line at [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) and see if it is available and add to your list or ask Jeanne W. and she will check.





COME TO  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN'S  
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, December 2nd

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bake Sale

Cookie Walk

Soup Sale

Craft Sale

Stromboli

Lunch

Katie's Attie

## Giving Thanks for God is Good!

Last month we celebrated our 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Resource committee wants to say a huge "Thank You" to all who made that possible and contributed generously! Not only did we have a great time we were able to bring in some much needed funds to keep our mission going! We have our challenges but with your continued generosity we will do it! November with Thanksgiving is a great time to reflect on all of our blessings, and we must never forget they all come from God's generosity toward us!

thankful  
and  
blessed

### What Else Can You Do? Support all of our fund raisers!

- ◆ **RAISERIGHT/SCRIPT Gift Cards**---make your Christmas shopping easy!
- ◆ **Christmas Bazaar**----coming on December 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ◆ **Pampered Chef**
- ◆ **Food Gift Coupons** are available EVERY week year round! After all, we all eat right? Why not help your church at the super market checkout line!

### Don't Forget the Heating Oil Season is here!



The fall chill has certainly arrived and winter can't be far behind. *We will spend nearly \$16,000.00 on heating oil this 2023-2024 season.* In October we had to pay **our annual Maintenance contract bill that was a one-time additional charge of about \$700.00.** Have you seen our new Mascot for our Heating Oil campaign? **SUPER MEER** from Vacation Bible School! Please take time to meet our Meerkat at the poster in the Hospitality area and while there, please take an "OIL" envelope to contribute a little extra if you can.

### Make Giving Easy and Automatic. Here are **two ways** you can do that:

1. **Your Bank** - You can 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 the 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.



"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!

We wish you all a Blessed Thanksgiving!  
Sincerely, Your Resource Committee



**Happy November everyone!** We are preparing for the Christmas Bazaar. Crafting is every Wednesday night at the church. Come join us! The Bazaar will be **December 2nd**. Please think about donating soups, baked goods or cookies for the cookie walk. Any items in reasonable shape for donation to Katie's Attic would be greatly appreciated. This event is a good financial endeavor for Immanuel. Look for the sign-up poster in November.

We will also do Cemetery sprays and cones. November 26th is the order deadline for a December 10th pick-up. Please watch for announcements in our Sunday bulletins, Facebook, and on our website for the most up to date information.

Happy Fall and God Bless, Social Ministry

We will be ordering **Poinsettia Plants** to adorn our Altar area at Christmas.

If you would like to place a plant (s) in the Sanctuary, please see one of the Altar Guild members following Sunday service beginning Sunday **November 12th through Sunday, December 3rd**. The cost per Poinsettia plant is **\$8.00** each. Please use the envelope provided by the Altar Guild members for the completion of your order.



Looking for kitchen gifts for Christmas? We are having a Pampered chef fundraiser. It will be November 6th for two weeks. More information will follow in the bulletin and paper catalogs will be available in the back of the church. It's a perfect way to support Immanuel and get some Holiday shopping done for others (and maybe yourself). **The church gets about 15% back** on all your purchases. There are lots of items to pick from and price range for every budget. Any questions please ask Colleen Kelly.

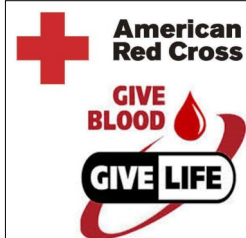


THANK YOU to all who purchased a BOSCOV'S Friends Helping Friends coupon. Immanuel appreciates your support!!





**American Red Cross Blood Donation Drive** has been scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2023 from 2:00PM – 7:00 PM. The event will be held in the Social Room. Please register online at: [redcrossblood.org/give-blood](http://redcrossblood.org/give-blood), by calling them at 1-800-RED-CROSS, or by speaking with Colleen Kelly. Blood donations are always needed and have been down in recent years. Hope to see you at our blood drive. If you are not able to donate blood, please share this information with family and friends and encourage them to donate.



Happy Fall everyone! We are excited to have started a monthly **Healing Service** that began on **October 21st**. The service will be the **third Saturday of each month** and will be a laying on of hands healing service. It will go from **1pm-2pm**. The actual service itself will take about 30 minutes followed with some quiet time if people want to stay and pray.



Also, we are going to do a monthly **Children's Sermon** on the **second Sunday of the every month** during worship. The Deacon will invite the children up for a sermon right before the last reading or the Gospel.

*Please join us, bring your friends, bring your children!*

### 2023 StewardSheep

Sheep are mentioned many times in the Bible. **Jesus reminds us that he cares for us as a Shepherd cares for his flock.** As we follow Christ's example, we should take care of each other, including our neighbors and strangers. As His flock, we can minister to others and assure that Immanuel is present in Norwood to continue to care for our community. During November and December, we will consider how our entire flock will each contribute to the future of Immanuel.



Our **Christmas Cantata** this year will be on **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 AM** service. If you want to sing, join us. If you want to play an instrument, join us. All are welcome and encouraged. Please see or call Kathleen at 484-239-9393.



### Immanuel's 135<sup>th</sup> Celebration Final Reflections

*held October 22, 2023*

*The spirit of God has been flowing through Immanuel Lutheran Church for 135 years!*

We held our special service on October 22<sup>nd</sup> followed by the celebration luncheon at the church. We hope you were with us as we commemorated this significant milestone!

We say a big **“Thank You”** to our Sponsors for your generosity. And **“Thank You”** to the businesses who support us through purchasing an ad in the program. Please consider supporting them with your business as we move forward. And **“Thank You”** to all who donated their “time, talents and treasure” to make this event possible. All these generous gifts will help Immanuel continue doing God’s work!

The Commemorative program from that day is a very special keepsake full of history, photos and Immanuel’s mission now, and in the future! We may have a few copies left. Please see a 135<sup>th</sup> committee member if you would like to purchase one.



We will continue to work on the Memory Cross project which we started at the luncheon. See our weekly bulletins and the article below for details on how you may be part of that.

**Thanks again to all who made this event a success. God bless you all!**

Sincerely, Your 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee

### Immanuel's 135<sup>th</sup> Memory Cross Project continues

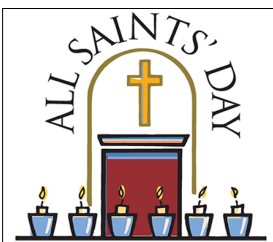
***Get Your “Sticks” In Now!***



We wanted to do something as part of our 135<sup>th</sup> celebration to capture your memories in a lasting way, a Memory Cross! We started this at the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon. We will continue in the coming months. On the Hospitality table there will be a basket of 6” multicolor craft sticks and a “Sharpie”. Please take a few minutes on Sunday to write down your own special memories. Look for the box where we will be collecting the craft sticks.

**We’d like to hear your story!** Memories from the “old days” at Immanuel or experiences today? Record your story (video or writing) and get it to Pastor or an Outreach Committee member – Colleen, Jean C., Joyce, Karl, or Piee.





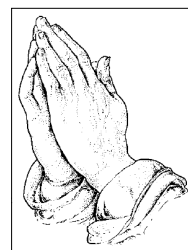
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 5TH, 2023

Remembering our departed members of Immanuel *and* loved ones who have died in the past year. November 2022~ November 2023

☩ **Mary Cole**

THE POWER OF PRAYER

- ♥ Rita Petty
- ♥ Catherine Scheid
- ♥ Barb Calciano
- ♥ Flossie Cora
- ♥ Pat Bonner
- ♥ Amy Williams
- ♥ Eleanor Kephart
- ♥ Jim Mullin
- ♥ Allen & Grace Bradley
- ♥ Theresa Daniels
- ♥ Marie Parnell
- ♥ Florence Grantland
- ♥ Gerry Fulmer
- ♥ Lois Farrell
- ♥ Art Hunter
- ♥ Cheryl Woodrow
- ♥ Grace Long
- ♥ Susan Hornberger
- ♥ Prayers for Peace



PROMISES MADE TO GOD



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

- † Elsie Campbell
- † Emily Narcavage
- † Jeanne Warner
- † Nicholas Firkser
- † Adrienne Narcavage
- † Charles Rodgers
- † Kimberly Enriquez



CONGREGATION STATISTICS

|       | Members<br>Removed | Members<br>Added | Avg. Weekly<br>Attendance | Avg. YTD<br>Attendance |
|-------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Sept. | 0                  | 1                | 31                        | 29                     |



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS!

**Joan Truman** ~ Nov. 6th      **Virginia Young** ~ Nov. 8th

Please refer to your church directory for address information.



**Committee Chairs** ~ Reminder to have your **annual reports** in by the end of the year to the church office. Email is the most efficient and preferred method of communication if possible. Everyone's support and help is greatly appreciated.

What if you woke  
UP **TODAY**  
with only the things  
that you  
thanked  
*God* for yesterday?



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We are a  
**RECONCILING** *in* **CHRIST**  
Congregation



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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