

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SHARE IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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



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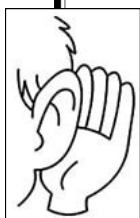
The Calendar reflects “Church” events only. For information in regard to “Use of Building” by outside groups, please see the church calendar in the church office, or contact Vi Mayberry or Fred Warner.

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| 1 10:00 AM Education Hour 12:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg. W&M Mtg. | | | | 5 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom) | | |
| 8 10:00 AM Education Hour 12:00 PM Outreach Mtg. | | 10 5:30 PM Resource Mtg | | 12 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom) | |  |
| 15 Blessing of Pets 10:00 AM Education Hour 12:00 PM Council Mtg. | | | 18 12:00 PM Half Century  | 19 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom) | |  |
| 22 10:00 AM Education Hour  | 23 6:00 PM Conference Assembly St. Matthew Springfield | | | 26 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom) | | |
| 29 Reformation 10:00 AM Education Hour  | | 31 Halloween  | Don't stand on the sidelines! Join Church Council! Be a voice, help shape the future of Immanuel! See Pastor Lee for details! | |  | |

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PASTOR'S PEN



As we explore the person of Moses, we notice how listening is what set him apart from the others. Listening *well* is not simply hearing the words being said, it's also feeling the emotions being felt. People usually don't want solutions as much as they just want to be understood. This is hard to remember as we are a solution focused society. Moses, and many people of faith were able to listen to the "still, small voice" that speaks to them.

What's one area of your life that you keep trying to "solve" instead of simply understanding? This doesn't have to necessarily be a relationship either. People try to "solve" their health problems with fad diets, or pills when often what is first needed is to develop an awareness of the emotions that enable the problems in the first place.

In my own life, I've often tried to "solve" my creativity by over-planning books and projects, when really I just needed to sit down and create and understand what I was feeling. It is funny how doing more can actually become the distraction.

Try being a better listener this month—of others, but also of yourself. Don't just focus on the information, focus on the feeling. Then sit with that feeling. Don't try to fix it or push it away. Just let it be there and then simply seek to understand why it's there.

If you give this a try, send me an email and let me know about your experience.

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*



Immanuel's 135th Anniversary Celebration October 22nd

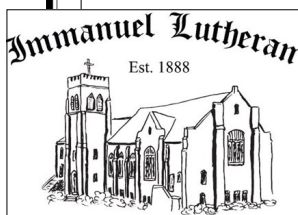
Can you feel it? Final Preparations!!

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

This month we hold our special service at 11:00 am on October 22nd followed by a celebration luncheon at the church. Help us commemorate this significant milestone!

LOOK WHO IS COMING: See the poster on the easel in the Hospitality area with the most up to date list of attendees. *Please check to be sure we have your name and number of tickets correct!*

Even if you can't be a sponsor, you can get tickets to come to the luncheon and receive the Commemorative program! If you have not yet replied there may still be time. We have been saying **the absolute deadline to turn in is Sunday, October 1st**. By the time this newsletter arrives, we *may have been given additional flexibility by the caterer*, so if you still want tickets to the luncheon, please see any of your 135th committee members **ASAP!**



The Commemorative program for that day will be a very special keepsake full of history, photos and Immanuel's mission now plus into the future! Everyone attending the luncheon, or who has contributed as a sponsor, will receive one!

Our sincere thanks to our Property Committee who will help with final site preparations for the celebration on October 14th and 21st. Please see their article and we hope you can come help!

Look for more details in the weekly bulletins and on our web site at: www.immanuelnorwood.org. For questions please contact our church office.

We hope to see you there!

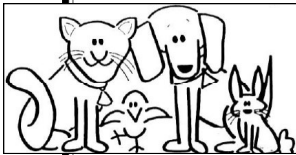
Sincerely,

Your 135th Anniversary Planning Committee
Pastor Scott Lee, Sylvia Hunsberger and Karl McClellan

Property "Work Days" to Prepare for Our 135th Celebration ~ As you know this month we hold our special service at 11:00 am on October 22nd followed by a celebration luncheon at the church. The Property Committee working with the 135th Committee will host two work days for site preparations on **October 14th and 21st, from 9AM to Noon.**

There will be some work areas both inside and outside of our building focused mainly on clean-up. We will have some light refreshments. Hope you can join us! Any questions please see Karl McClellan (135th Committee) or Fred Warner (Property Committee). **Thank you!**





On **October 15th Immanuel will hold a Blessing of the Animals** worship service. The service will be held outdoors at Immanuel at 11 AM. If the weather is inclement, the service will move indoors. Bring your favorite pet or stuffed animal.

October 15th AIDS Walk Philly ~ Vicki Slotterback and Colleen Kelly will again be walking and looking for folks to sponsor us. Any one is welcome to walk as well. Let Colleen know if you are interested in registering as a walker. There will be a sponsor sheet on the table at the back of the hospitality area. Thank you for your support.



“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.
Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

Matthew 6:34

Immanuel’s weekly “Virtual” Bible Study on Thursday Evenings!

Our **Virtual Bible study** is on THURSDAY evenings, still from 7 to 8PM. This provides **one of two** Bible study options at Immanuel with the other being **in person** on Sunday mornings at 10AM. You are welcome to join either or both as we cover different topics. The Thursday night **Virtual Bible study** will be using selections from the “Life Guide” Bible study series. All you need is your Bible and we’ll provide the discussion questions when we “connect”. Sessions will be led by Karl McClellan and Fred Warner. The sessions are fun, educational and thought provoking! They provide a great way to learn more about the Bible while sharing **how Jesus shows up in our lives today!** For Zoom “connection details” please see our website, www.immanuelnorwood.org. If you are unable to use the video link, you can dial in using your phone. Simply dial one of the numbers below at the start of the event. You will then be asked to type in the meeting ID followed by the pound (#) key. You may be prompted to enter the meeting passcode as well followed by #. Then you’ll join the call with the event hosts and other attendees. Dial In Number:



1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) or 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago).

Meeting ID: 812 4171 4880 Passcode: 077575

Please join us if you can!

Our 135th Anniversary is This Month!

We will celebrate 135 years of devoted Lutherans doing Immanuel's work here on Chester Pike. It is with pride that we look back on this history and faith that we look forward to continuing our mission. It is your support which makes this possible. We have our challenges but with your generosity we will do it! Speaking of challenges.....

New Heating Oil Season is here. As you saw in the September newsletter *will spend nearly \$16,000.00 on heating oil this 2023-2024 season.* In September we learned that **our annual Maintenance contract bill will come in October and that is a one-time additional charge of about \$700.00**



We have a new Mascot for our Heating Oil campaign, **SUPER MEER** from Vacation Bible School! As we learned in VBS, Meerkats "dig and tunnel" so we are asking that our members do their best to "dig down" and contribute monthly a little extra using the OIL envelopes you'll find at the Heating Oil Campaign poster board located in the Hospitality area to help us deal with the \$16,000.00 + \$700.00 for maintenance to keep us warm.

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.



What Else Can We Do?

- **Support our 135th Anniversary!** Here is an opportunity for everyone to make a donation toward our anniversary!
- Support all of our fund raisers! (*Like Boscov's*)
- 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! 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 do so now and beyond our 135th year.

Your Resource Committee, Karl McClellan, Jeanne Warner & Sandy Hendrick

Announcing Immanuel's 135th Memory Cross Project

The spirit of God has been flowing through Immanuel Lutheran Church for 135 years and with that passage of time many, many wonderful memories, blessings and milestones have been created! We want to do something as part of our 135th celebration to capture your memories in a lasting way. One of the churches in our synod (Trinity Lansdale) has a cross which is made up of hundreds of multicolor craft sticks on which members have written their family names, memories, milestones, activities, events, blessings, etc. and then they have been assembled to make a cross. Here is their memory cross:



Immanuel is going to do a similar project so we can capture the memories up to our 135th anniversary. During the luncheon each table will have a basket full of 6" multicolor craft sticks and "Sharpies" which everyone can use to write down their own special memories. We will be collecting the craft sticks and later this year assemble our own Memory Cross. So start thinking about what you'd like to write down to contribute to our Memory Cross!

Let us know what suggestions and/or questions you may have about this.

Your 135th Anniversary Planning Committee, Pr Scott Lee, Sylvia Hunsberger, and Karl McClellan

You Could Help Elect Our Next Dean

Your Synod's Delaware Conference Annual Assembly will be held 10/23/23 at 7:00PM. It will be "In Person" at Saint Matthew Lutheran church in Springfield. Refreshments start at 6PM. This year we will be electing a new conference Dean. In addition, we will be electing one more Pastor to fill a clergy seat for a 3 year term. Finally, there are 4 lay positions of three year terms that come up for election with two existing members up for re-election and two which we'll need a new candidates for.

Each congregation is to send 2 voting members to the assembly. Others are welcome to attend too! If you are interested in representing Immanuel at the meeting, or have an interest to run for the Executive committee, please see Pastor Lee or myself. It is a unique opportunity to work with the 20 congregations in our conference!

Additionally the Conference is including in this event a "**Service Project**". This year we are asking congregations to collect & bring donations to St Matthew to support their **Heifer Project International** effort, reducing world hunger by providing livestock to families around the world. If you would like to support this please place a donation in an envelope marked "Heifer Project" and place in our offering by October 22nd.

Thank you! Karl McClellan, Chairperson of the Delaware Conference Executive Committee

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PLEASE CONTACT MARY LYN HORNE-ONIMUS TO PURCHASE
GIFT CARDS. *(Cash or checks are welcome!)*

**PLEASE BUY THE GIFT CARDS AND
HELP OUT IMMANUEL!**



Sunday Morning Bible Study ~ We have started a new DVD Bible Study in September. It's never too late to join! We meet Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the choir room. It's a DVD study with light discussion afterwards. The new study is "If you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat". Sound interesting? I think so. Come join us and find out. For more information, see Jeanne Warner.

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 3. Please allow 2 weeks to receive the gift cards. Don't see a store you need, you can go on-line at www.raiseright.com and see if it is available and add to your list or ask Jeanne W. and she will check.



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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2023
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8AM-11PM**

DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:

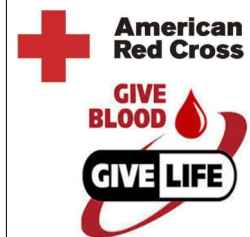
- **25% OFF** DISCOUNT SHOPPING PASS*
 - **REGISTER TO WIN** A \$100 BOSCOV'S GIFT CARD
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Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group in October!

Pack a lunch and join us on the 3rd Wednesday of October, the 18th, at noon for good company, conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

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, 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.



Transformed to Serve: Cars, Coffee and Christ

It's a thing! A chance to share stories and share your ride – or just come for the coffee. It's an outreach ministry to bring together people who are car enthusiasts and who love the Lord. **St. Luke's, Obelisk**, kicked the idea off last year in Montgomery County. Since then **Immanuel, Norwood and St. Matthew's, Woodlyn** have teamed up to bring Cars, Coffee and Christ to Delaware County. Enthusiasts can show off their vehicles, enjoy coffee and snacks, talk about faith, and share prayer concerns. **Please check our Immanuel website for the date of our next CCC!**



THE POWER OF PRAYER



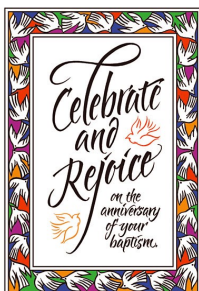
- ♥ Rita Petty
- ♥ Catherine Scheid
- ♥ Barb Calciano
- ♥ Flossie Cora
- ♥ Pat Bonner
- ♥ Amy Williams
- ♥ Jim Mullin
- ♥ Allen & Grace Bradley
- ♥ Theresa Daniels
- ♥ Marie Parnell
- ♥ Florence Grantland
- ♥ Gerry Fulmer
- ♥ Lois Farrell
- ♥ Susan Hornberger
- ♥ Prayers for Peace in Ukraine



AUGUST - 2023 CONGREGATION STATISTICS

| | Members Removed | Members Added | Avg. Weekly Attendance | Avg. YTD Attendance |
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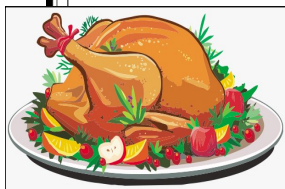
Our prayers include the following persons as they recall their **Baptism** in **October** and promises made to God and by God:

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| † Hank Eberle | † Thomas Grantland |
| † Hannah Firkser | † Sandra Hendrick |
| † Judith Firkser | † Sylvia Hunsberger |
| † Landon Grieb | |

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:17-18

First Presbyterian Church in Glenolden is reaching out to friends, neighbors and associates in Delaware County to let them know about the **Thanksgiving Meal Ministry** in hope that they will partner with them to better serve the community. For the last 30 years with the support of many churches, organizations & volunteers from all over Delaware County, we were able to deliver thousands of meals on Thanksgiving Day. Last year, because of everyone's generosity, we were able to provide over 350 - \$25.00 grocery or diner cards, deliver 101 frozen turkeys to the larger families and deliver over a 100 meals, from a local diner. There are several ways to help from putting addresses on cards, help with deliveries, to donating gift cards and frozen turkeys. If you know of anyone who needs assistance or for more information on what you can do, call Debbie at 610-457-7442.



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Congregation



The Rev. Scott R. Lee

Church Office Hours

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

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

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