

# 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



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**plan**  
**pray**  
**give**  
**build**

# SEPTEMBER 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 the church office, or contact Vi Mayberry or Fred Warner.



**Sunday September 3, 2023**  
**11:00 Worship Service**

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**3 Hymn Sing**  
 12:00 PM  
 Christian Ed Mtg  
 W&M Mtg.

4- LABOR DAY	5	6	7	8	9
<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>					



10	11	12 6:00 PM Resource Mtg	13	14 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	15	16 Norwood Community Day
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**17 Install Christ Ed**  
 10:00 AM  
 Education Hr  
 12:00 PM  
 Council Mtg.

18	19	20	21 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	22	23 Cars, Coffee, and Christ.
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**24**  
 10:00 AM  
 Education Hr

25	26	27	28 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	29	30
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**ADULT BIBLE STUDY RETURNS ON SEPT. 17TH**  
 Did you read over the summer? The **Sunday morning Adult Bible Study** Class read “**Imagine Heaven**” by **John Burke**. If you had a chance to read it, please join us on Sunday, Sept. 17th at 10:00am to share and discuss what we’ve read!!



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## PASTOR'S PEN

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits as we begin to transition from summer fun to a more regular daily routine. I am excited to look forward to the many things happening from now until Christmas.

The first thing I want to share is that I spent much time working on three sermon series. The first series focuses on Moses, an ordinary man who was dedicated to God. The second sermon series looks at questions to ask yourself around faith that were proposed by John Wesley. The final sermon series looks at the Christmas story through the eyes of Joseph.

COMING SOON

The Second thing I am excited for is the celebration of our 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I am sure you have been following along in previous newsletters and letters we have mailed to you directly. There is much happening and we hope you will join us!

I am also happy to introduce a monthly healing service that will be officiated by our congregational deacons. This informal service will last about 30 minutes. Come as you are, bring a friend! Watch for details!

We will also continue the tradition of our annual picnic in the park on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 starting with an 11am worship and followed by a potluck lunch.

Lastly, our Cars, Coffee and Christ, hosted by Karl, is picking up speed! Join us monthly for this high octane event! This is a great opportunity to gather in the name of Christ, bring a friend.

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*



You're Invited to  
**Immanuel Lutheran**

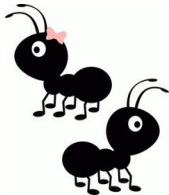


**Sunday  
September  
10th, 2023**

11:00 AM ~  
Worship Service  
12:00 PM ~  
Picnic

Norwood  
Lower Park  
*(Rain - Held at Church)*

Bring Your own chairs and side dish/dessert. See sign up sheet.



- Main Dish (Chicken) & Side Provided
- Music
- Games for Children



## Come Join Immanuel's weekly "Virtual" Bible Study in September!

Our **Virtual Bible study** is moving to THURSDAY evenings, still from 7 to 8PM, & will resume on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We started this virtual option during the pandemic so that people could stay safe at home but also gather (remotely) to learn more about the Bible. We have continued on Zoom due to the added convenience of not having to travel. This provides **one of two** Bible study options at Immanuel with the other being **In**

**Person** on Sunday mornings at 10AM (see information about that in another part of this newsletter). 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](http://www.immanuelnorwood.org). Please join us if you can!



**Immanuel's 135<sup>th</sup> Celebration Save the Date, October 22nd!** Can you feel it? The spirit of God has been flowing through Immanuel Lutheran Church for 135 years!

We are holding a special service at 11:00 am followed by a celebration luncheon at the church on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 have already "Saved that Date" to join us! You all received **the BIG mailing** at the beginning of July with details and a chance to be a Sponsor, or make a donation, and order your luncheon tickets (Note Sponsor levels come with complimentary tickets, see your letter for details!). **It is TIME to RETURN YOUR RESPONSES** using the self-addressed stamped envelope. This way we can finalize the numbers with our caterer.

We are hard at work on the Commemorative program for that day as well. It is going to be a very special keepsake chock 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! Look for more details in upcoming newsletters, bulletins and on our web site at [www.immanuelnorwood.org](http://www.immanuelnorwood.org). For questions please contact our church office.

We hope to see you there!

Your 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee, Pastor Lee, Sylvia Hunsberger and Karl McClellan



**Immanuel Marches in Norwood's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade 2023!** On Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> members of Immanuel marched in the Norwood July 4<sup>th</sup> parade helping to get the word out about our church and especially our upcoming Vacation Bible School. *A sincere Thanks to everyone* who participated in the parade, helped make the banners, hand out information, and staffed our table at the church. It was a blessing to be out there again and part of Norwood's 111<sup>th</sup> July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration!!!

Our table set up at the church on Winona Avenue provided information about our church and provided paper cups of water, which was greatly appreciated by those marching and spectators along the parade route. Those who helped with the table were: Jean Crane, Jean Fillmore, Joyce Morrison, Fred Warner and Don Watts to name a few.

Those who marched pictured from left to right, back row: Karl McClellan, Marion Tomosky, Colleen Kelly, Alejandro Enriquez, Pastor Lee, Jeanne Warner, Vicki Slotterback. Front row: Julia & Keira Lee.

### **T-Shirts! Show your Immanuel spirit! Celebrate our 135<sup>th</sup> 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 Sept. 17 to receive your shirt by Oct. 15 to wear at our 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration if you like. Order forms are available at church or by email to [jemorrison28@gmail.com](mailto:jemorrison28@gmail.com). Please pay when you order.

## CHRISTIAN ED

**We're Going Back To School**

I hope everyone had a good restful summer! September is here and it is time to get back to education. Sunday Church School will start on September 17th at 10:00 AM. Anyone who is potty trained to 6<sup>th</sup> grade is more than welcome. Watch your bulletins, Facebook, and Immanuel website for instructions and any updates. Any questions please feel free to call me at 610-237-0646.

God's Blessing ~ Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus, Super of Christian Education

Thank you to all who helped make this year's VBS a success. We had 21 children and about 20 adults and helpers. The children had a great time learning how to be a Super Hero in God's world. They sang, danced, played games, heard Bible stories and enjoyed snacks. We collected canned goods and raised \$193 for our food pantry. We are looking forward to next year!



**STOCK UP our Pantry and More!** As we begin the new school year, please remember those who may be hungry. Please bring canned goods to the church for our Pantry. We would like to collect some hearty non-perishables like canned chili, beefaroni, ravioli, peanut butter, Spam, Tuna, and soups. We will give the food to needy folks who stop by the church, maintain a supply and restock the Little Free Pantry in front of the church as well. Please provide filling and nutritious items - proteins are always appreciated. You may place items directly in the pantry box OR place them just inside the Chester Pike door, on the left hand side when you come to worship. **Thanks to the children who attended Vacation Bible School!** They donated lots and lots of nonperishables for the pantry and collected \$193 for future grocery purchases! Let's keep up the good work. Thanks for your support!

**Norwood Community Day, Saturday, September 16th**

Immanuel will participate in the Community Day from 10:00 – 2:00. The Outreach Committee is **looking for volunteers** to assist us in interacting with the families that attend, including engaging children in some fun games and providing prizes. We will have shade for our table – either tree or canopy! It's fun, come join us! Contact Joyce Morrison if you would like to help ([jemorrison28@gmail.com](mailto:jemorrison28@gmail.com) OR 610-506-5387.)



## Fall Arrives This Month!

Summer has been here and we did see a summer slump in our giving. Not quite as much as last year, but we still had to liquidate \$4,000 over the months of June, July and August whereas last year it was \$5,000. We don't want to be in the situation of liquidating. We are confident that with your support we can turn that around as we roll into Fall.

**New Heating Oil Season is here!** Speaking of Fall, as fast as time flies can Winter be far behind? And with it another heating season. We did see a monthly reduction in our budgeted amount since we ended 2022-2023 with a balance and the price of oil has stabilized some. BUT we will still spend nearly **\$16,000.00 on heating oil this 2023-2024 season.**



We are going to 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'll ask 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 a season oil bill.

**Why not simplify and 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 fund raisers!
- 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!
- **Support our 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** We'll celebrate our 135<sup>th</sup> year on October 22nd! There is an opportunity for everyone to make a donation toward our anniversary!

**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**



**HELP SUPPORT  
IMMANUEL!**

**BUY A \$5  
BOSCOV'S  
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GOOD FOR UP  
TO 25% OFF ON  
OCTOBER 18,  
2023.**

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(610-888-2579)  
FOR DETAILS.**



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**Do you know someone who plays or sings?** Take a moment to think about your friends, neighbors and relatives. Do any of them play an instrument or love to sing? Let's make the music at Immanuel Lutheran so wonderful that it draws people here for worship.

Please talk to Kathleen if you are interested in adding your voice or instrument to the choir, the praise group or the traditional service. Give her phone number to the neighbor, friend or relative who just might enhance our sound. Thank you! Kathleen Schneider 484-239-9393



**Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group in September!**

Pack a lunch and join us on the 3rd Wednesday of September, the 20th, at noon for good company, conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

## Delaware Conference, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Your Synod's Delaware Conference Annual Assembly will be held October 23, at 7:00PM. It will be "In Person" at Saint Matthew Lutheran church in Springfield.

Mark  
Date

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 three existing members willing to run for re-election and one which we'll need a new candidate 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! Look for more information as the date gets closer.

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

# CARS, COFFEE & CHRIST

HOSTS: Immanuel, Norwood and St. Matthews, Woodlyn  
Lutheran Churches in St. Matthews' Parking Lot



**SATURDAY from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM**  
**September 23rd**

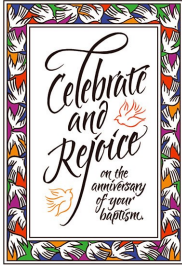
BRING SOMETHING TO SHOW, OR JUST COME FOR THE COFFEE!

**GPS: 160 Fairview Road, Woodlyn, Pa. 19094**

For more information - Karl McClellan  
krmfamily@aol.com  
610-761-4804



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

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| Adelyn Corcoran  | Charlotte Corcoran | Jillian Warner Eddy |
| Jackson Firkser  | Thomas Graham      | Olivia Paglia       |
| Barbara Stauffer |                    |                     |

THE POWER OF PRAYER

- |                    |                      |                          |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| ♥ Rita Petty       | ♥ Jim Mullin         | ♥ Gerry Fulmer           |
| ♥ Catherine Scheid | ♥ Allen & Grace      | ♥ Lois Farrell           |
| ♥ Barb Calciano    | Bradley              | ♥ The people of Maui.    |
| ♥ Flossie Cora     | ♥ Theresa Daniels    | ♥ All affected by Cancer |
| ♥ Pat Bonner       | ♥ Marie Parnell      | ♥ Peace in Ukraine       |
| ♥ Amy Williams     | ♥ Florence Grantland |                          |



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

JUNE - JULY 2023 CONGREGATION STATISTICS



	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
June	0	1	32	31
July	0	0	22	30

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

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**RECONCILING in CHRIST**  
Congregation

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ALTAIR FLOWERS

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

BULLETINS

- In Honor of
- In Memory of
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DETAILS:

- ANNIVERSARY
- BIRTHDAY
- BAPTISM
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- LOVED ONES
- OTHER

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