



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

October 2025

Pastor's Pen

"I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus

says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:15-19

I once led a devotion based on this passage. I asked if there were any particular words or phrases that jumped out at people. Some said the part about "do not remember the former things or consider the things of old." Because indeed, it is all too easy to live in the past.

Not that everything in the past should be forgotten. Many values and beliefs are timeless, and many memories are precious. But what purpose does it serve to hold on to old grudges and grievances? Wouldn't it be better to let God take those burdens for you?

And sometimes we make mistakes – some might even say often we make mistakes. That's part of life. But do we learn from those mistakes and do better next time, or do we keep going over and over them in our minds, obsessing about what we might have done differently? But what is the use of ruminating on what can't be changed?

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So it is with the church. We can grieve the old things we miss. But we can't stay frozen in time. We need to move forward, led by the Spirit, rather than cling to our attempt to re-create the past.

As I told our leadership, this does not mean we have been "doing church wrong." Simply that the culture around us has changed a great deal while the ways of the mainstream church have not. Furthermore, this does not need to be bad news! We are in a time of change and rebirth, which is also a time of new hope. God is about to do a new thing!

We have been in a process of discerning where God is taking us NOW. Right now we are in a liminal space, that is to say an in-between space. God is taking us somewhere, and we will follow as did the children of Israel. There may be some foot dragging and reminiscing about the good old days and complaining about the manna and other things. There will also be discerning God's will, God's mission, and God's vision for us as we are formed into people with a purpose. What an exciting time to be church!

- Pastor Lee

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Boscov's shopping event! 25% off lowest sale price on Wednesday October 22, 2025, shopping hours 8AM – 11PM in store AND online. Immanuel receives \$5.00 for each pass purchased! Please contact Mary Lyn at (610)888-2579 for details.



Sponsor Bulletins and/or Newsletters: Call Patty Clerico, Secretary, at the church office. Let her know the dedication and when you would like to sponsor. The cost is \$20 for each publication.

Calling all furry, fluffy, scaley, feathered and hooved friends!

On Sunday, **October 12th**, worship will include a **Blessing of the Animals**. Services will be held downstairs in the social hall. Worshippers, adults and children, are invited to bring their pets or favorite stuffed animal. There will **not** be communion this week and the blessing will take place during the service. All live animals must be on a leash or in a carrier.



Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group ~ Pack a lunch and join us Thursday, **October 16th** at noon downstairs at church for good company, conversation and fellowship.



Remembering our Baptisms October 2025

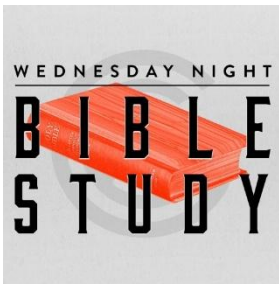
Thomas Grantland
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Landon Greib



Sandra Hendrick
Hannah Firkser
Judith Firkser

The Little Food Pantry

Did you notice that we now distribute pet food? The pet food is placed in the plastic bin under the red Free Pantry. The same guidelines are used as for human food – please provide nonperishable foods. Since we are blessing your animal friends this month, perhaps you want to share some pet food with the pantry. However, we did get good supply of pet food from the Vacation Bible School campaign – so human food is needed now! Thanks for your continued contributions.



Weekly Virtual Bible Study is back on Wednesdays!

Join us via zoom for Bible study on Wednesdays; 7:00 to 8:00 PM for a series on Luke: How Do You Respond to Jesus? All you need is your Bible and we'll provide the discussion questions when we connect. Study Guides are available in the mailboxes in the coat room- in the left-hand lower corner you'll find "Zoom Bible" with copies for that week in a folder. Karl McClellan and Fred Warner lead sessions. You may join at any time! Just go to our website: www.immanuelnorwood.org and click on the Church Calendar tab, then scroll to the ZOOM LINK FOR WEEKNIGHT BIBLE STUDY. You can use your phone to connect. dial one of the numbers below at the start of the event. Use the numbers below when you are prompted.

Dial In Numbers: +1 646 931 3860 or +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 897 7827 9740 Passcode: 952485

We hope you will join us!! Any questions please see our leaders, Karl McClellan or Fred Warner



We will again be having a Pampered chef fundraiser this fall. It's time to start thinking about getting holiday gifts and this is a great way to get something for everyone and support Immanuel. The sale official starts **November 3rd**, but you can shop earlier using the below link. More information to come closer to the sale start date in November but if you prefer to look and get done the sales will count for our fundraiser. Any questions please talk to Colleen Kelly

<https://www.pamperedchef.com/go/givethanks1125>

Wednesday Mornings at St. Matthew's in person with Pastor Lee at 9:00AM

What does God teach us about himself through the wonders of creation? How



do the lives of the people he fashioned glorify him and further his eternal purposes?

This six-session series offers a big-picture view of the foundational book of Genesis, exploring the splendor of creation and the significance of God's work in the lives of flawed yet faithful men and women. And while it tells of fascinating people experiencing transformational events, Genesis continually points us back to their God and ours, the Creator.

SHARE CHRISTMAS LOVE WITH FAIR ACRES RESIDENTS Beth Funk, Outreach Committee, is coordinating our participation in the Giving Tree program at Fair Acres. She has received some resident gift requests, valued at \$25 or less. If you would like to provide a gift, see her on Sunday morning or call her at 610-521-3051.



We have a monthly **Healing Service September through May**. The service is the **third Saturday of each month** and is a laying on of hands healing service. It is from **1pm-2pm**. The actual service itself will take about 30 minutes followed with some quiet time if people want to stay and pray. If cancelled due to the weather, the church phone greeting will tell you. 610-586-5960



Christmas is coming! Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Dec. 6!** Mark your calendars now. To prepare for the event, Social Ministry is looking for helpers. It's a wonderful opportunity to socialize with your fellow members. When you come for the evening activities, the Chester Pike door will be unlocked. If you don't know where the craft room is located, call Mary Lyn at 610-888-2579. She'll send someone to guide you to the craft room in the basement of the education wing.



Crafting: Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the craft room. No talent or experience is necessary. Just come and one of our experienced crafters will walk you through the steps to make crafts for sale.

Strombolis: Tuesdays at 6:00 pm beginning October 28 in the kitchen. Our experienced cooks will walk you through the steps!



RESOURCE NEWS

How can you help Immanuel make ends meet?

- Do your best to give regularly and if you do miss a week or two, please try to make it up.
- Support all of our fund raisers, especially **BOSCOV'S** and the ongoing **Food Gift Coupons!**
- **Make giving easy and automatic!** Consider this...there are **two ways** you can do this:
 - #1. **Your Bank** >>>>can set up a monthly cashier's check to be drawn on one of your accounts and mailed to the church. Your bank will help you set this up **at no cost to you!**
 - #2. **Tithely** >>>>Consider using the safe, secure, easy virtual method with the QR code below with your smart phone. There is a nominal fee with this.



Autumn comes with cooler weather and eventually turning on the heat. After Labor Day, our new VBS mascot "**Scout**" made his debut on our heating oil campaign board. Stop by and say hello; and if you can, take an envelope to help with this cost. Thank you to all of you who give of your time, talents and treasures!



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

The Power of Prayer

Thank you for including the following individuals in your daily prayers.

Amy Williams

Eleanor Kephart

Barbara Calciano

Marie Parnell

Art Hunter

Steve

Sylvia Hunsberger

Frank Otto

Baby Caden

Joan Truman

Kathleen Cirucci

Crystal Gaglione

Gina & Jamie Monteleone

Family and Friends of Steve King

Comfort to those enduring hardships.

People and their families battling cancer

All those waiting for organ transplants

Peace around the world

Gerhart Urban

Chris Baker

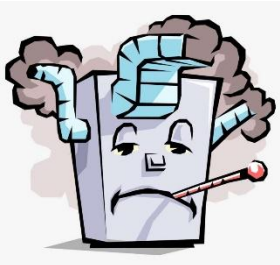
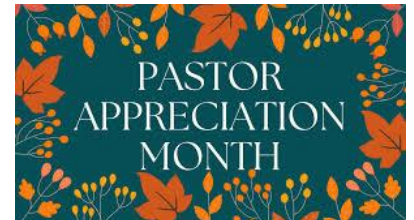
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October is Minister Appreciation Month

We all forget to say “Thank You” to folks who serve us as part of their work responsibilities. Pastors have a special relationship to their jobs...both they and their congregations pray for guidance as they consider whether God is calling the candidate to support their congregation. Pastor Lee has been serving Immanuel for about eight years. It would be lovely if each member could thank Pastor this month – a few words as you shake hands or a card or note would be appreciated.



One Summertime casualty we did have was one of our Air Conditioning Units failed. The Property Committee is leading the repair and the estimate that we have as of this time is \$1000. If you would like to contribute toward this, please put your donation in an envelope and just write **AC** and your envelope number on the outside.

Lots Of Happenings!!!

Annual Picnic! Lots of fun and great food had by all and look how creative the Mad libs got!



RAISE RIGHT

Ready to start your Christmas shopping? Maybe stock up on restaurants for a night out? Immanuel is selling gift cards for just about every store you may want. Our church will get a percentage back from sales. Forms are available on the table in the hospitality area. Fill out form, make 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 26, Nov 14, and Dec 7***. Gift cards usually arrive within a week of ordering. Don't see a store you need? You may search online at:

www.raiseright.com and add it to your list or ask Jeanne W. and she will check if will be available.

Cars, Coffee and Christ!



Cars, Coffee and Christ Event #3 was a Success!!

Our 3rd “CCC” for 2025 went *very well* on September 6th! The weather was beautiful! We had 20 cars (one of them a beautiful 1956 Mercury owned by Immanuel’s own Charles Moore), plenty of people (about 36 including several walk ups) and 4 prayer requests. Our Conference Dean, Pastor Marie Sager from St. Timothy in Aston even came! We had plenty of coffee plus 5 different homemade goodies and some doughnuts one of the participants brought. Special Thanks to Mary Lyn for her Jewish Apple cake (It is always a BIG HIT !) and Harry Modesti for his cheesecake (also DELICIOUS !). Also, my Thanks to Harry of St

Matthew for helping with set up and; hosting!

Our 4th and final “CCC” for 2025 will be November 22nd! Remember these events are open to everyone...you don’t need to bring a special car; just come and enjoy food Christian fellowship (and delicious snacks)! Any questions or suggestions please see me! Thanks, Karl McClellan



CARS, COFFEE & CHRIST

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



SATURDAY from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
November 22, 2025

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

GPS: 160 Fairview Road, Woodlyn, Pa. 19094

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610-761-4804



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ENVELOPES!!!

If you did not get a box of envelopes in 2025, and would like one for 2026, please see Jeanne Warner to obtain one.



October Events at Immanuel

Wednesday October 1

9:00 – 11:00 Bible Study @ St.

Matthew, Woodlyn

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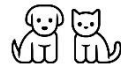
Sunday October 5

10:00 Education Hour

11:00 Worship

12:00 Music and Worship Meeting

Sunday –October 12



10:00 Christian Ed

11:00 Worship

12:00 Outreach Meeting

Wednesday October 8

Tuesday – October 14

2:15PM Resource Committee Mtg

Wednesday October 15

9:00 – 11:00 Bible Study @ St.

Matthew, Woodlyn

7:00PM -9:00PM Zoom Bible Study

Thursday October 16

1200 Half Century Lunch

Sunday –October 19

10:00 Christian Ed

11:00 Worship

12:00 Council Meeting

Sunday –October 26

REFORMATION SUNDAY

10:00 Christian Ed

11:00 Worship

Wednesday October 29

9:00 – 11:00 Bible Study @ St.

Matthew, Woodlyn

7:00PM -9:00PM Zoom Bible Study

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