



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

June/July 2025

Pastor's Pen

As we head into summer months, we often look forward toward summertime activities: baseball games, trips to sandy places and backyard cookouts with friends and family. Sometimes being in the summer heat, especially after prolonged periods of time, can leave us irritable. Statistically, violent crime rates increase in the summer. This got me asking what we are fighting for? What did Christ fight for? Who you are is defined by the values you are willing to struggle after. Your actions reflect who you really are. Your words are simply reputation management.

For what are you willing to struggle? What does that say about you?

When you find yourself struggling with a problem or being annoyed by something this summer, stop for a moment and ask: "Is this problem being caused by something I value? If so, is it worth having the problem? To go a little deeper, Am I actually happy to have the problem?"

Reply and let me know the answer

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Acme/ShopRite Gift Cards! They are used like cash at any of the area stores. There is no extra charge for the certificates. **Our church receives 5% of the cost of the coupons. Help us help our church!** See Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus for details.

ACME



Sponsor Altar Flowers! Call Fran Fisher at 610.586.3095 with the details of when you would like to sponsor the altar flowers, and the wording of dedication you would like to appear in the Sunday bulletin for that day. Spruce up the Altar!! Flowers are \$30.

Calling all Dads, Pops, Papas and Dadas!

Exercise your worst dad jokes at the light refreshments after services on Fathers' Day, Sunday, June 15th, courtesy of your Social Ministry Committee.

The Little Food Pantry

Thanks for your continued contributions to the Pantry. Summer time can be tough on families whose children rely on school lunches. Let's keep up the good work. Our neighbors are grateful! If you have **nonperishable food** to add to our inventory, come to the church (call first please, - 610-586-5860) during office hours, M-F 9:00 – 1:00, ring the doorbell, tell Patty you have a food donation and when she buzzes you in, leave your donation inside the door to the left. OR if there is room in the pantry, just put your donation there.



Remembering our Baptisms June/July 2025

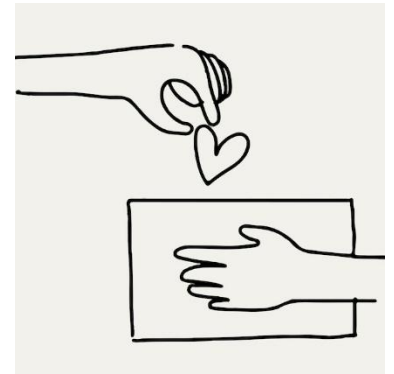
Lydia Greib
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The Outreach Committee is asking for your help.

We are planning to put together Hygiene kits to give out at the end of the summer and need you to help provide the supplies that need to be included. The plan is to have everything by August 11th so that the VBS students can help put the bags together. Our hope is to put together 100 bags. We will update needed items as we get donations.



Below is a list of the items we are collecting. Please consider picking a few items up when you are out and bringing them to church over the summer. There is also a link to an amazon wish list if it is easier to pick one item and it will be sent to us.

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

shampoo (12 oz or smaller,)

conditioner (12 oz or smaller,)

moist towelettes

deodorant

soap (bar or liquid)

comb

hand sanitizer

feminine products

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/24BGKY941ANWK>

Thank you for your support with this project. If you have any questions please see Colleen Kelly or any member of the Outreach committee.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School has had its first meeting and things are moving along. We are still looking for some more volunteers, as always. C'mon, you know you want to play with us and Scout this summer Aug 11 -15 Registration is open. Go to <https://immanuelnorwood.org/church-calendar> and click on the VBS Registration Button.



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.



Heating Oil Season is over.....but our monthly budget payments roll on

Our Mascot for our Heating Oil campaign...**Lu the Firefly** really, really appreciates all those who do their best to contribute monthly a little extra using ***the OIL envelopes you'll find at the BRIGHT YELLOW Heating Oil Campaign poster*** board located in the Hospitality area. Thankfully the weather is getting warmer (Hurray!), oil usage goes down.....but our oil budget payments do continue.

Summer is Here!! Enjoy the nice sunshine while remembering your Church too!

As our June/July newsletter comes out we are on the verge of Summer with June 20th being the first official day! As we think about the season.... school is out, hot weather, vacations and getting some down time to relax... we should take time to reflect on the amazing generosity which GOD our Father has shown in giving his Son for us, dying on the cross but then to be raised from the dead! As members of the Resource committee, we look ahead to this season with some anxiety about what is called “the Summer Slump” in giving, which has been known to happen to some churches. But we have Faith that our congregation will continue in 2025, even during the Summer, to show our generosity through what we give of our Time, Talents and Treasure to allow Immanuel’s Mission to continue!

What Else Can You Do....especially during vacation time?

-  Support all of our fund raisers especially the ongoing Food Gift Coupons!
-  Make giving easy and automatic! Consider this...there are two ways you can do this:

o #1. Your Bank ;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.

o #2. Tithely ;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. 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!

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



Immanuel's Weekly Bible Study Takes a Summer Break

Our Virtual Bible study on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8PM will take a break for the Summer once we finish our current Right Now Media session ,*Why does Jesus Matter?* by the end of June. Sessions are led by Karl McClellan and

Fred Warner. The sessions are fun, educational and thought provoking! They provide a fantastic way to learn more about the Bible while sharing how Jesus shows up in our lives today! We will let you know the exact date we will resume, plus connection details as we get closer to September. Check our website for updates. Please join us then if you can.

Christian Ed

We are wrapping up this educational year- dates to be aware of:

Children's Sunday school will end on 5/18 and Zoom Bible Study will end in June. (see previous for details)

Adult Sunday School will end June 1. Wednesday morning Bible Study with Pastor Lee will not be meeting over the summer.

Stay tuned for our Christian Education Kick-off in September. We are hoping to have a light breakfast and intergenerational crafts on Sunday, 9/16, from 10:00-10:45. Please watch the newsletter, website and bulletins for more details.



Let's March and show our Support to the LGBTQIA+ Community

The Outreach Committee has signed up to participate in the Delco Pride Parade in Media on **June 7 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm**. We are also inviting other local churches who are Reconciling in Christ congregations to join us. We will gather in Media no later than 11:30 and the two mile parade begins and ends at the same location. We are waiting for detailed information. If you want to walk with us, please let Joyce Morrison know (***jemorrison28@gmail.com; 610-506-5387 text or call***). She will share details as they are available. Final parking and line up location will not be available until a few days before the parade.

The Power of Prayer

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

Amy Williams

Barbara Calciano

Art Hunter

Steve

Pat Brolly

Gay Kuhn

Joan Truman

Terry D'Orazio

Kathleen Cirucci

Mary

Gina & Jamie Monteleone

Eleanor Kephart

Marie Parnell

Steve King

Sylvia Hunsberger

Frank Otto

Baby Caden

John Law

Mike Motolla

Nick Ditrilo

Crystal Gaglione

Gerhart Urban



Comfort to those enduring hardships.

People and their families battling cancer

All those waiting for organ transplants

Comfort to those enduring hardships

Peace around the world



Property continues to ask your support with the purchase/donation of paper products and cleaning supplies (paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, toilet bowl cleaner, counter cleaner, trash bags 13gal and 33gal size) to keep our cabinets stocked. Items can be placed on the table in the cloak room. 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.



Come join the fun and walk in the Norwood Fourth of July parade on Friday the 4th (Rain date is July 5th). We are again planning to walk in the Fourth of July parade and give out information about our upcoming VBS, Road Trip, It is a great way to get some exercise in before the cookout begins and we need help to get the word out.

For those walking in the parade with us, plan to assemble at the Interboro High School parking lot located on Amosland Road in Prospect Park, by 8:00 AM. The parade steps off at 8:15 AM. Please let Vicki Slotterback or Colleen Kelly know if you can join us.

If you want to cheer us on but do not walk in the parade, the Outreach Committee will have a water station in front of the church gate on Winona. We'll be there by 8:30AM. Bring your own chair and join us to watch the parade and invite parade watchers to visit Immanuel and sign their children up for Vacation Bible School.



It's that time of year again when Property is seeking individuals to help with maintaining the outside grounds of Immanuel. We have been blessed with a very experienced "team" of people through the Property committee who take care of the lawn with over 200 years of experience! These 200 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. Immanuel lawn care season has started as of the Wednesday 16 April. Typically, on a weekly basis (weather permitting) the effort is:

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/sweep the sidewalks.

Presently it takes one of the current "Old Guys" about 2 hours to take care of these tasks. Added hands, and teaming people up, could make it go faster and lighten the load.



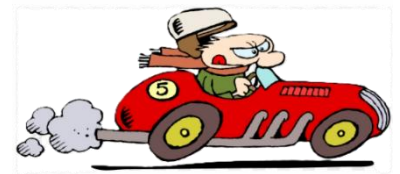
Cars, Coffee and Christ 2025!

Our first for 2025 went very well on May 10th! The weather was beautiful! We had the most cars yet with 23- plenty of people and the most ever prayer requests . We had plenty of coffee plus four different homemade goodies including doughnuts one of the participants brought. Special Thanks to Mary Lyn once again for her Jewish Apple cake (It is a BIG HIT every time!) and Harry Modesti for his cheesecake (also delicious)! Also, my thanks to Harry of St Matthew for helping with set up and hosting!

Our next CCC will be in early summer...as of this writing the date is yet to be determined. Remember these events are open to everyone.

You don't need to bring a special

car...just come and enjoy good Christian fellowship, cool motors (and delicious snacks)! Any questions or suggestions please see me! Thanks, Karl McClellan.





It looks like all had a terrific time and great weather for some fun and fellowship!



Holy hub caps, Batman! Just look at all of those beauties! The mechanics surely earned that cup of joe and a snack!





Backpack School Supply Collection 2025

Collection Ends August 3, 2025 - Three Ways to Contribute

We will participate in supplying stuffed backpacks to students in the Chester and Upper Darby Communities. Last year 510 backpacks were filled by 18 faith communities in Delaware County. Here are 3 ways you can support the collection this year.

One way to make a contribution this year is to use the links below to an Amazon Wishlist – School Supplies. Place an order and it will be shipped directly to the crew that will assemble the backpacks. Link to Amazon Wishlist

[tinyurl.com/School-Supply-Collection](https://www.tinyurl.com/School-Supply-Collection) or use the QR code:



You can also make a monetary contribution. Checks can be mailed to School Supplies c/o Jody Troyan, 1201 Swarthmore Ave., Folsom, PA 19033. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church – Broomall.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Plastic Pencil Box
Composition Books
Washable Markers (8 count box)
Glue Stick
No. 2 Pencils
Safety Scissors
Ruler

Pocket Tissue Packs
Crayons (24 count box)
Glue (&ounce bottle)
Large Pink Erasers
Pocket Folders
Pencil Sharpener

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Pocket Folders
Highlighters
Mechanical Pencils
Colored Pencils Pencil Sharpener
3 x 5 Index Cards (ruled & unruled)
Rulers
Binder Dividers
Post It Notes
3 or 5 Subject Spiral Notebooks

Scotch Tape
No. 2 Pencils
Colored Pencils
Pencil Sharpener
Pens Ruler
3 Ring Binders
Loose Leaf Paper
Single Subject Spiral Notebook

June/July Events at Immanuel

Sunday – June 1

11:00 Worship
12:00 Worship & Music Comm.
Christian Education Comm.

Wednesday June 4

7:00PM Zoom Bible Study

Saturday – June 7

12:00PM – 2:00PM
Pride Parade in Media

Sunday –June 8 PENTECOST

11:00 Worship

Tuesday – June 10

2:15PM Resource Committee Mtg

Wednesday – June 11

7:00PM – Zoom Bible Study

Sunday---June 15 FATHER’S DAY

11:00AM Worship
12:00PM Father’s Day Light
Refreshments

Wednesday – June 18

7:00PM Zoom Bible Study

Sunday– June 22

11:00 AM Worship
12:00PM Council Meeting

Sunday –June 29

11:00 Worship
12:00 Joint Council

Friday July 4th

Norwood July 4th Parade

Sunday July 6

11:00AM Worship
12:00PM Worship & Music

Sunday July 13

11:00AM Worship
12:00PM Outreach

Sunday July 20

11:00AM Worship
12:00PM Council Meeting

Sunday July 27

11:00 AM Worship

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