



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

August 2025

Pastor's Pen

As I think about the conversations I'm having lately, it is apparent that there is much to be anxious over, from politics to our personal lives, our minds can be consumed by worry. Several scriptures address worry and anxiety, offering comfort and guidance.; for example: Philippians 4:6-7 encourages believers to "be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Matthew 6:34 reminds us to focus on the present, stating, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Psalm 34:4 declares, "I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears," highlighting God's willingness to help those who seek Him. 1 Peter 5:7 advises, "casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you," emphasizing God's concern for our burdens. Matthew 11:28-30 offers an invitation to find rest in Jesus, saying, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Nothing tests our faith like anxiety and worry. Scripture tells us we have a choice in our anxiety and worry to various degrees. Often times the greatest amount of worry comes in our everyday, personal lives.

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FOUR THINGS FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT

Instead of worrying if they'll like you, ask yourself if you are going to like them. Instead of trying to say the right thing, see if they say the right thing to you. Instead of looking for their approval, decide if you are willing to give yours. 99% of people's judgments have more to do with them than they do with you.

TWO THINGS FOR YOU TO ASK YOURSELF

What is one thing you're worried people will think about you right now?

Why does it bother you that others will think this?

ONE THING FOR YOU TO TRY THIS MONTH

Take one concern you have and ask yourself what you'd do if you *weren't* so worried, then go do it. Let me know what happens.

- Pastor Lee

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SAVE THE DATE !



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AND CHRISTIAN ED KICK OFF!
Sunday, September 7, we're planning fun (and food) for everyone! From 10:00 – 10:45 am adults will join the children – getting to know each other as we participate in activities together. 11:00 am – informal worship
NOON – Our annual picnic on the church lawn **MORE DETAILS** will be included in the September newsletter.

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 used! Please contact Mary Lyn at (610)888-2579 for details.



SHARE CHRISTMAS LOVE WITH FAIR ACRES RESIDENTS

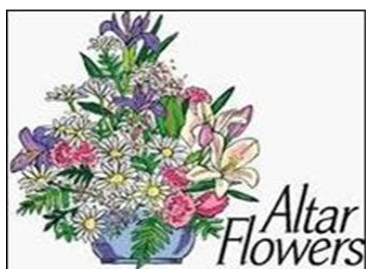
The Outreach Committee will coordinate our participation in the Giving Tree program at Fair Acres. Residents make Christmas gift requests and Beth Funk will gather some for our congregation to fulfill. In September we will be asking for volunteers to agree to grant Christmas wishes to some residents. **The gift value is expected at approximately \$25.** Let's open our hearts and fulfill a LOT of Christmas wishes!



ACME **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.



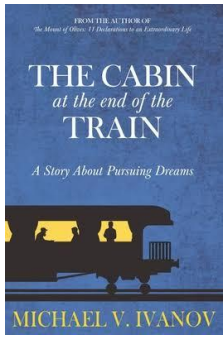
Sponsor Bulletins and/or Newsletters: Call Patty Clerico, Secretary, at the church office. Let her know the dedication and when you would like to sponsor. The cost is \$20 for each publication.



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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

You may sponsor a child in VBS for a contribution of \$10 per child. If you wish to do so, please mark your envelope "FOR VBS" and place it in the offering plate or give directly to Jeanne Warner. Thank you for your generosity.



Summer Reading

Looking for a good book to read on your long summer days at the beach? Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study will be reading **The Cabin at the End of the Train** by Michael V. Ivanov. It's a story about Pursuing Dreams. We will be discussing this book when Bible Study resumes in September. Let us know what you think of the book. Happy reading!

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.

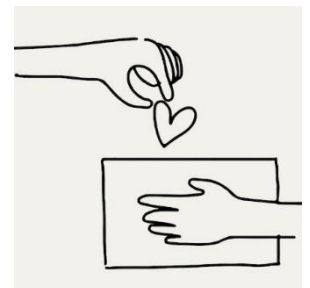


Property continues to ask your support with the purchase/donation of paper products and cleaning supplies (paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, toilet bowl cleaner, counter cleaner, trash bags 13gal and 33gal size) to keep our cabinets stocked. Items can be placed on the table in the cloak room.

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.

The Outreach Committee is asking for your help

We are planning to put together 100 Hygiene kits to give out at the end of the Vacation Bible school and need you to help provide the supplies to be included. The plan is to have everything by August 13th.



We are the following items **ONLY** at this time:

Travel size tissue packs
Travel size Deodorant
Soap (travel size bar)

<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.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be here before we know it!! Aug 11th -15th 9:00AM-11:30AM. You can be a part of the excitement. We do need more helpers to make this year a success. This year's program is **Road Trip**. *Scout* will lead us through the week. If you're able to help out this year, please see Jeanne Warner. Registration is open Go to <https://immanuelnorwood.org/church-calendar> and click on the VBS Registration Button.



**YOU ARE
A BIBLE
CHARACTER!**

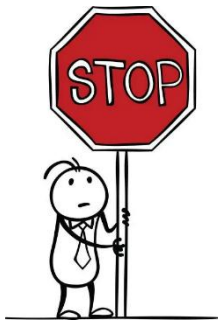


Immanuel's Weekly Virtual Bible Study Returns in September ☺

Our **ZOOM Bible study** takes place on **Wednesday** evenings at 7:00PM for one hour, beginning after Labor Day (with the exact date T.B.D. in the September newsletter). All you need is your Bible - we'll provide the discussion questions when we connect. We will be picking our next topic over the summer using **Right Now Media!** If you have a suggestion for a topic please let us know! 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. Sessions are led by Karl McClellan and Fred Warner, so please contact one of these gentlemen with questions or suggestions. Please join us after Labor Day!! Have a Blessed Summer!!

YIKES! The Summer Slump is Here!



Guess what....the dreaded “**Summer Slump**” is showing its ugly head. It is a trend seen by all churches. As schools are out and most people’s thoughts turn toward vacation time, traveling, seeing new sights and getting refreshed, unfortunately in some cases their giving to the church also takes a “vacation” as well. Since (also unfortunately) our bills just keep on coming, this can drive us into the red. We are starting to see this as early as July 4th weekend. We would ask for you to help us “**Stop the Summer Slump**”! After all, God’s amazing generosity never takes time off.....Thankfully for all of us!!

So What Can You Do....??

- 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 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. 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 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 & Sandy Hendrick

The Power of Prayer

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

Amy Williams	Gay Kuhn	Mary
Eleanor Kephart	Baby Caden	Crystal Gaglione
Barbara Calciano	Joan Truman	Gina & Jamie Monteleone
Marie Parnell	Alfino	Gerhart Urban
Art Hunter	Terry D'Orazio	Adam
Steve King	Mike Motolla	Chris Baker
Steve	Kathleen Cirucci	Jen
Sylvia Hunsberger	Nick Ditrilo	Art McClellan
Frank Otto	Bill Geider	

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



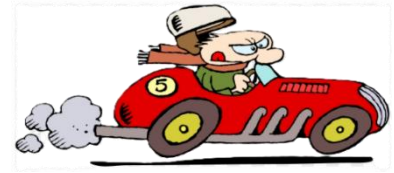
Remembering our Baptisms August 2025

Taylor Neher
Ava Firkser
June Firkser

Peg Martinsen
Emily Firkser
Colleen Kelly

Cars, Coffee and Christ 2025!

Our 2nd for 2025 went very well on June 28th! Weather was drizzly at set up and stayed We had a total of 18 cars, plenty of people (about ~30 including several walk ups), 4 prayer requests and 5 children came with Grandparents/parents We had plenty of coffee plus 4 different homemade goodies and some 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 (always delicious)! Also, my Thanks to Harry of St Matthew for helping with set up & hosting! Our next CCC *will be in September... date TBD.*



Acolyte Recognition in June!

On Pentecost, Fred Warner led the effort to recognize our acolytes by presenting them each a cross necklace individually engraved with their name. Pastor performed a small service to recognize them and present the crosses (four of the six made it that day). The kids really enjoyed this and the congregation got a kick out of it too



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 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 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.



or



Thank you to all who participated in the July 4th Parade and water station at the church. It is great that we show our Norwood neighbors that we are here as a congregation to serve them and Our Lord. God Bless.

Those who marched pictured from left to right, back row: Karl McClellan, Alejandro, Elena, Kim and Lucas Enriquez, Darlene McClellan, Vicki Slotterback, Patrick Stewart, Pastor Lee and Colleen Kelly. Front row: Marion Tomosky, Mackenzie Stewart, Julia & Keira Lee.



Those who helped with the table pictured from left to right were Jean Crane, Joyce Morrison, Donnie Watts, Fred & Jeanne Warner, Nancy Kelly and Vicki Slotterback.

It was a blessing to be out there again in the community and part of Norwood's 113th July 4th celebration!!! Think about joining in for next year if you can!! We'd love to have you!!



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.

August Events at Immanuel

Sunday – August 3

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

Sunday –August 17

11:00 Worship
12:00 Council Meeting

Sunday –August 10

11:00 Worship
12:00 Outreach Committee Meeting

Sunday---August 24th

11:00AM Worship

Tuesday – August 12

2:15PM Resource Committee Mtg

Sunday– August 31

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

11:00 AM Worship

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