



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

March 2026

Pastor's Pen

As we approach the heart of the Christian year, the Church enters the Triduum—the Great Three Days—from Maundy Thursday evening(4/2/26) through Easter Sunday (4/5/26). These days are not separate services so much as one continuous act of worship, inviting us to walk with Jesus from table to cross, from tomb to new life.

Maundy Thursday: Love Given

The Triduum begins on Maundy Thursday as we gather around word, water, table, and commandment. We remember Jesus washing the disciples' feet and giving the new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." At the table, Christ gives himself for the life of the world. As the altar is stripped and the service ends in silence, we feel the weight of a love that will go all the way to the cross.

Good Friday: Love Poured Out

On Good Friday we stand at the foot of the cross. The Church does not rush past suffering but dares to name it—violence, betrayal, fear, and death. Yet even here we proclaim hope: "Here is the wood of



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the cross, on which hung the Savior of the world.” In prayer and quiet reverence, we trust that nothing—no sin, no sorrow, no death—is beyond the reach of God’s redeeming love.

Holy Saturday: Love Waits

Holy Saturday is a day of holy waiting. The Church keeps watch at the tomb, holding space for grief, doubt, and unanswered questions. It is a day that honors those places in our lives where resurrection feels delayed—and yet promised.

Easter Vigil & Easter Day: Love Raised to Life

With the Easter Vigil, darkness gives way to light. We tell the ancient stories, hear the promises renewed, and rejoice as Christ is proclaimed risen. Easter Day continues the celebration as the Church bursts into alleluias. Death does not have the final word. Love does. An Invitation: The Triduum invites us not just to observe, but to enter the story—to bring our whole selves, our wounds and hopes, into God’s saving work. Whether you join us for one service or all, know that you are welcome on this holy journey. Come and see how deep God’s love goes—and how gloriously it rises.

Peace and blessings as we walk these holy days together.

Pastor Lee

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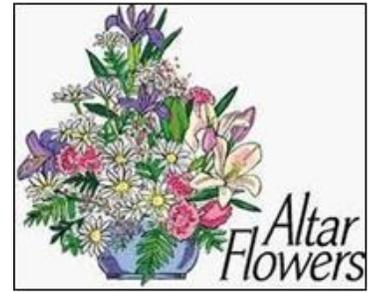
Remembering

Florence Grantland
David Firkser
Amy Graham

Our Baptisms

Stephen Firkser
Ryan Firkser
Thomas Neher

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.



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



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.



Irish Sweet Treats Order Time!!!

Order forms are available on the hospitality table, and are due by **March 8th**! The orders will be delivered by March 15th.

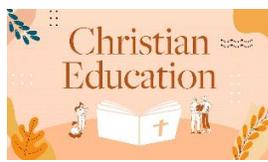


Wednesday
Lenten Services

March 4	St. Timothy's Aston
March 11	St. Matthew's Woodlyn
March 18	St. Timothy's Aston
March 25	Holy Spirit Secane



April 2 nd	Maundy Thursday	7pm St. Matthew's Woodlyn
April 3 rd	Good Friday	12 noon Ridley Lake



The Christian Education Programs have been busy. We have opportunities for you to join Adult Sunday School, Zoom Bible Study, In Person Bible Study, and Children's Sunday School. We would like to invite you to join the fellowship of one of these opportunities.

Zoom Bible Study is changing to Thursday evenings starting 2/19-3/26. They will be doing Jesus' Farewell Message.

The Power of Prayer

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

Baby Caden	Frank Otto	Art Hunter
Joan Truman	Kathleen Cirucci	Chris Baker Alfino
Crystal Gaglione	Joan Truman	Gina & Jamie Monteleone
Chris Baker	Rev. Eileen Meissgeir	Eileen Chamowski
Amy Williams	Steve	Eleanor Kephart
Barbara Calciano	Marie Parnell	Scott & Alayna Pezick
Michael Jack	Janice Kintsche	Robin Forrester
Joyce	Amy Williams	Steve
Eleanor Kephart	Barbara Calciano	Marie Parnell



Comfort to those enduring hardships,
All those waiting for organ transplants
People and their families battling cancer
Peace around the world

The Little Food Pantry It's winter – and everyone needs a little extra food to keep warm. Please provide some hearty nonperishables for the Pantry. Our neighbors and their pets will appreciate your thoughtfulness. We are grateful to the **Southeast Pennsylvania Synod for providing a \$1000 Food Ministry Grant** which will be a great supplement during those times when our congregational donations may not quite meet the needs.



Remember that you can place your food right into the pantry, or bring it into the church and place it to the left of the Chester Pike entry door. **In the current cold temperatures please remember NOT TO BRING ANY GLASS CONTAINERS.** During the week, the secretary can buzz you in during office hours, 9 am to 1 pm, Mon – Fri. Or you may use the link below to order some approved items for our little pantry from Amazon. Thank you for your help.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/1P5SBOQ5TNWF4>



Immanuel Friends and Members – We need your help!

This request is easy...the office (and most importantly Pastor Lee) need to know that the information on record to communicate with you and your family is current. Some of the information is typically printed in our church directory (but you can opt out) while other information is kept confidential. Pastor has discovered recently that we did not have emergency contact information for some members that are living alone. Also, many of the long standing members still have a land line telephone number listed, but actually only use their cell phones at the current time.

There are two ways to provide the information. You can use this link <https://forms.gle/w5Gv9Ttatf6mCFzz6or> visit our website (Immanuelnorwood.org/news-worship.) Or you can use a form (blue paper) to confirm and/or update the information that is in our database. This form is available in the hospitality area before and after worship. The completed form can be given to Pastor Lee or Joyce Morrison. If you have questions, you can call the church office and speak to Patty Clerico, church secretary.

Severe Weather Policy

In the event of severe winter weather please call the church office at **610.586.5860** for a recorded announcement regarding the status of Sunday morning services. Closing announcements will be made no later than 6:30AM to ensure ample time for travel planning.



RESOURCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

March is Here!

With the third month of 2026, though we are in Lent which is a solemn time in the church year, there are signs of positive things coming...Daylight savings time returns, the first day of Spring and of course on the horizon next month is the blessing of the Resurrection on Easter! All signs of God's love for us! God showed his love through sending us his Son! We need to remember that **everything we have** comes from God. Let us show **our gratitude** for his sacrifice through what we do with our **time, talents and treasure**.



Speaking of positive things... Wonderful news was shared at the Annual meeting! In addition to the blessing of having received new members when St John's Tinicum unfortunately closed, now that their "books have closed" they presented Immanuel with a gift of \$30,000. from their remaining assets! **What a blessing!** A great big **Thank You** to all those who have made this possible!

During Lent, How Can We Show Our Gratitude....?

- Consider using your Lenten offering envelopes.
- We got "snowed out" a couple of Sundays... we surely appreciate those who made up their offerings....if you have not ...and if you can that would be great.
- Support all our fund raisers, especially the ongoing **Food Gift Coupons**...we all eat right? 😊

- **Make giving easy and automatic!** Consider this...there are **two ways** you can do this:
 - #1. **Your Bank** You can arrange for a monthly check to be mailed directly from your checking account to Immanuel. There is usually no charge for this. You can do this through online banking (bill payment) or have a bank representative set it up for you. You can cancel this at any time. Meanwhile, your bank will send a check every month on the date you select! It's really convenient.
 - #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.



What to Look forward to in 2026?.....



- ❖ The Property Committee is leading the effort to get a plan to repair our Air Conditioning system. We'll share the full plan that once it is figured out. If you would like to contribute toward this, please put your donation in an envelope, just write **AC** + your envelope number on the outside and place it in the offering plate.
- ❖ We should be passing the peak of the 2026 Heating Oil season, but we are on a budget so our cost of \$1300./month keeping coming essentially all year. Our VBS mascot "**Scout**" is heading up our heating oil campaign board.....stop by...say hello....and if you can, take an envelope to help with this cost.

- **Thank you for all you all do to support our church's mission!**
- **Sincerely, Your Resource Committee: Karl McClellan & Jeanne Warner**

Easter Happenings!



Yes! The preparations are underway for the Easter Cantata! Practices are **at 9:15AM** Sundays in the choir room!

Easter Candy

The Easter Candy making began on February 24th and continues **each Tuesday evening at 6:00pm**. No experience necessary- we will teach you!

Orders for Easter candy are now being taken and must be in by **March 8th**! Candy will be **delivered on March 29th**.



Easter Egg Hunt!

The annual Easter Egg hunt will take place on **Saturday April 4th**. Children up to ten years of age are invited. Egg hunting begins promptly at 11:00 am, so plan to arrive no later than 10:45. Bring your own basket or bag for the eggs! The Egg Hunt happens rain or shine, as the hunt will be moved indoors in case of bad weather. Gather on the lawn at the Chester Pike entrance or go to the social hall down the stairs from the entrance. After the hunt, a light lunch will be served to the children.



Easter Sunday Breakfast

Watch for sign up sheets for the annual Easter breakfast, held prior to Easter services on April 5th.





Please Join Us for Weekday Evening Virtual Bible Study!**

Our Virtual (Zoom) Bible study moved to **Thursdays; 7:00 to 8:00 PM during LENT** to not conflict with midweek services.

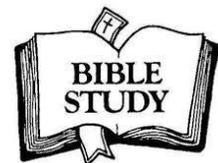
After Easter we will switch back to Wednesdays...see more on that in the April newsletter. We are using an interactive series from Right Now Media. All you need is your Bible and we'll provide the discussion questions when we connect. For a copy of the session study guide, please go to the mailboxes in the rear of the Hospitality Area and on the left-hand lower corner you'll find Zoom Bible with copies ***for that week*** in a folder. Karl and Fred lead the 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.**

The web site will be updated with the proper link, connection information with dial in numbers, Meeting ID and Passcode.

If you have any questions, please see Karl McClellan or Fred Warner. Thanks!!

All Are Welcome!!

Weekly Bible Study at St. Matthew's Woodlyn continuing on **Wednesdays at 9:30AM , 3/3/26 until Holy Week.**



March Events at Immanuel

Sunday March 1

9:15 Choir Cantata Practice
9:45 Christian Ed Committee
10:00 Education Hour
11:00 Worship
12:00 Music and Worship Meeting

Wednesday March 4

9:00 Bible Study in person
@St. Matts Woodlyn
6:00PM Lenten Service
@St. Timothy's Aston

Thursday March 5

7:00PM Zoom Bible Study

Sunday March 8

9:15 Choir Cantata Practice
10:00 Education Hour
11:00 Worship
12:00 Outreach Meeting

Tuesday March 10

2:15pm Resource Meeting

Wednesday 11

9:00 Bible Study in person
@St. Matts Woodlyn
6:00PM Lenten Service
Matthew Woodyln

Thursday March 12

7:00PM Zoom Bible Study

Sunday March 15

9:15 Choir Cantata Practice
10:00 Education Hour
11:00 Worship
12:00 Council Meeting

Wednesday March 18

9:00 Bible Study in person
@St. Matts Woodlyn
6:00PM Lenten Service
@ St. Timothy's Aston

Thursday March 19

12:00PM Half Century Lunch
7:00PM Zoom Bible Study

Saturday March 21

1:00PM Healing Service

Sunday March 22

9:15 Choir Cantata Practice
10:00 Education Hour
11:00 Worship

Wednesday March 25

9:00 Bible Study in person
6:00PM Lenten Service
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