



# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

May 2025

## Pastor's Pen

The Easter season is a time to celebrate how, through introspection, dying or letting of something that was unhelpful in your life has produced new life in you. In recent newsletters I've provided questions to consider and an invitation to respond.

One member connected to the article in which I talked about moving from ordinary to extraordinary. She shared that after the passing of her husband she was not sure anything could be ordinary again. Today she wakes up with a sense of gratitude and joy for the many things she looks forward to throughout the days and weeks.

Another member responded to the article writing on the courage to try something new and reflecting on recent learning, noting that he had taken on two new hobbies last year. At the beginning, his fear of not knowing what to expect increased as well as his frustration which early learning provides. There is joy in hitting a new personal best and joy in celebrating with friends the victories whether small or large.

- Pastor Lee

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## Healing Service Resumes

We have a monthly Healing Service from September through May. The service is on the third Saturday of each month (May 17) 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 wish to remain to pray.

**Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group** ~ Pack lunch and join us **Thursday, May 15th** at noon downstairs at church for good company, conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you in the basement hospitality area! Please enter through the Chester Pike entry.



**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 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.



A special thanks is given for everyone that helped and made this Lenten season so prayerful and beautiful for all. Several committees and volunteers made the following programs successes: Dinner Church ,the lovely flowers purchased by the congregation for the altar , the ladies who made the chocolate , organization and supervision of the Egg Hunt those spruced up the building and grounds in time for the Holy Week and Easter services- your work is truly appreciated!



**Christian Ed** was busy in April planning the Easter Egg Hunt. The children have been learning about the life of Jesus and the time leading up to Easter. Zoom Bible Study is back to Wednesdays. We also completed our 12-month plan for the next year. We are looking for some new members so if you're interested, we meet on the first Sunday of each month right after church



## **Weekly Virtual Bible Study moves back to Wednesdays !**

Our Virtual (“Zoom”) Bible study continues on the regularly scheduled Wednesdays at 7:00PM. All you need is your Bible and we’ll provide the discussion questions when we “connect”. If you would like 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 McClellan and Fred Warner lead sessions. You may join at any time! Just go to our web site, [www.immanuelnorwood.org](http://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. We hope you will join us!!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89778279740?pwd=kDC4ionJbzgZ6PLWDRCAvyiSaYtpl2.1>

If you are unable to use the video link, you can use your phone to connect. To use the dial-in option: Simply dial one of the numbers below at the start of the event. Provide the meeting ID followed by the pound (#) key. You may be prompted to enter the meeting passcode as well followed by the number.

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 Karl McClellan or Fred Warner

## May: Ascension Day, Mother's Day & Memorial Day come this month !!



As we enter May, we still bask in the glow of that blessed Easter Resurrection! Our salvation through God sacrificing his own Son to pay for our sins by dying on the cross...What a gift we have been given! Considering all that we have comes from the Lord, please take a few minutes to pause and reflect on your generosity to our church. Our sincere thanks to all of you who give of your time, talents and treasures!!

### What Else Can We Do....??

- Follow through with your 2025 Stewardship commitment.
- Do your best to give regularly and if you do miss a week, please try to make it up.
- Support all our fund raisers, especially **Food Gift Coupons!** (We ALL Eat right? Help our church at the same time!)
- **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.



## Heating Oil Season continues!

Heating Oil Season is winding down.....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.



### The Tree that fell in front of the Church is Gone and so is the Bill!!

The bad windstorms in March took down our yew tree on the parking lot side of the front door. The cost to remove it was \$1000. We asked for your help with this by putting a donation in an envelope and mark it "For the Tree". Thanks to the generosity of several donors, that cost has been covered!! Well done!!

### **The Little Food Pantry**

Donations tend to dwindle in the upcoming summer months; please do not forget those that depend on us, and continue to donate. 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.



## 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

Eleanor Kephart

Marie Parnell

Steve King

Sylvia Hunsberger

Frank Otto

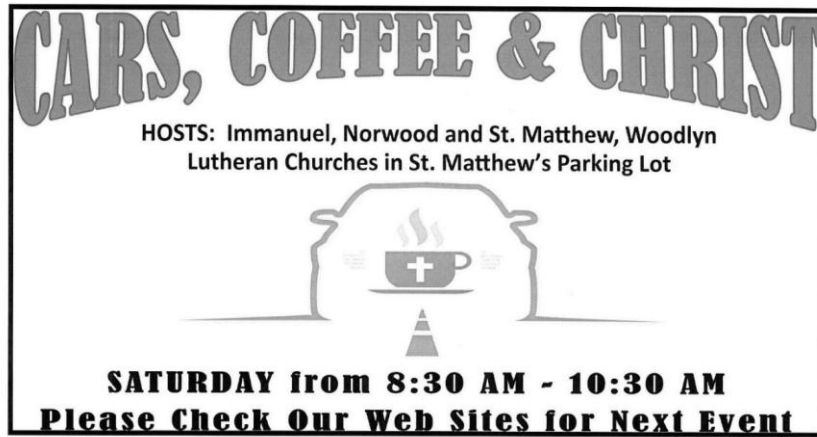
Baby Caden



Comfort to those enduring hardships.  
People and their families battling cancer  
Comfort to those enduring hardships  
Peace around the world



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be here before we know it!!  
Aug 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> 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 your able to help out this year, please see Jeanne Warner.



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**Come to our Cars, Coffee and Christ on May 10th !!**

Our first 2025 joint Outreach event hosted by Immanuel and St. Matthew will be **Saturday** May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 10:30 am. (weather permitting) in St Matthew's parking lot. It is a chance for fellowship, sharing stories, raising prayer concerns, enjoying snacks and giving back to the community. We hope you can join us!! All are welcome! A variety of antique, classic, and modern cars and trucks will be displayed. The owners and enthusiasts love to chat! So please come and help us share fellowship (and good snacks)! See Karl McClellan ([krmcfamily@aol.com](mailto:krmcfamily@aol.com)) with any suggestions/questions you may have.



Dear DELCO Conference friends,

During this Holy Week, I wanted to share an upcoming event with you that is taking place next month. Each year, our conference gathers for worship on Ascension Day, which this year falls the day before the synod assembly, May 29th. Fellowship will be at 6 p.m., followed by worship at 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Upper Darby.

Our guest preacher will be The Rev. Annemarie Hartner Cook. She is the new Program Director for *Faith Alive*. According to our synod's website:

*Faith Alive* accompanies SEPA congregations as they articulate their worship values; deconstruct existing barriers to full worship participation across all ages, stages, and abilities; and reconstruct worship where children know they belong. We will do this through Worship Learning Labs, providing resources for creative congregational evaluation and planning, and microgrants. *Faith Alive* honors our children's experience of God and creates space for them to be full participants in worship.

I hope you can attend. If you have any questions, please let me know. More information about the offering/in-gathering will be coming soon.

Wishing you a blessed remainder of your Holy Week and into the Easter Season.

**Peace and blessings,**

**Pastor Marie Sager, Dean of the DELCO Conference**



## **Remembering our Baptisms**

**May 2025**

Carolyn Campbell

Kiera Lee

Richard Guzik

Elena Enriquez

Robin Woodrow

David Guzik

Alejandro Enriquez

Susan Stevenson

Julia Lee



**Calling all MOMs!!!** Please join us for light refreshments on May 11<sup>th</sup> after service to celebrate all that you do and are! See Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus for details.

## **Work Breakfast!**



Join us Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 10:30 AM in the hospitality basement for a meal and fellowship followed by a time to work on various projects around the church. All ages are welcome! Please contact Pastor Lee for further questions.

Our Adult congregation enjoyed praying the stations of the cross by Ridley Lake this year on Good Friday, as seen below:



**Extra points for identifying the visiting Pastor Goose!**

A truly good time was had by all and maaaaaaaannnnny eggs were found!



yummy

HAPPY  
*Easter*





## **Immanuel's 135<sup>th</sup> Memory Cross**

As part of our 135<sup>th</sup> celebration held in October of 2023, we decided to build a Memory cross!

### **It is HERE!**

It was inspired by a similar project done at Trinity Lansdale some years ago (r)



Our cross is made up of multicolor craft sticks on which members wrote their family names, memories, milestones, activities, events, blessings, etc. We had craft sticks available during most of that year, at the actual 135<sup>th</sup> banquet as a table activity and even provided “kits” that our Eucharistic Ministers took to our shut-ins so they could participate too!

I encourage you to take a look, find the stick(s) that you and your family contributed, relive the memories and take a few moments to reflect on the role Immanuel has played in your life!

### **Thanks be to GOD for giving us all our Immanuel family!**

Our sincere appreciation to all those who contributed and especially to those who made the effort to take kits to our shut-ins.

**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.

# May Events at Immanuel

## **Sunday – May 4**

10:00 Education Hour  
11:00 Worship  
12:00 Worship & Music Comm.  
Christian Education Comm.

## **Wednesday – May 7**

9:00AM Bible Study @ St. Matt's  
7:00PM Zoom Bible Study

## **Saturday – May 10**

8:30-10:30 Cars, Coffee & Christ  
@ St. Matt's Parking Lot

## **Sunday –May 11**

*Mother's Day*

10:00 Education Hour  
11:00 Worship

## **Tuesday –May 13**

2:15PM Resource Committee  
Meeting

## **Wednesday, –May 14**

9:00AM Bible Study @ St. Matt  
7:00PM Zoom Bible Study

## **Thursday –May 15**

12:00PM Half Century Lunch

## **Saturday –May 17**

8:30 – 10:30AM Work Breakfast  
with Pastor  
1:00PM Healing Service

## **Sunday---May 18**

10:00AM Education Hour  
11:00AM Worship  
12:00PM Council Meeting

## **Wednesday – May 21**

9:00AM Bible Study @ St. Matt's  
7:00 Zoom Bible Study

## **Sunday –May 25**

### **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

11:00AM Worship

## **Wednesday – May 28**

9:00AM Bible Study @ St. Matt  
7:00PM Zoom Bible Study

## **Thursday, May 29**

### **ASCENSION THURSDAY**

6:00PM Fellowship  
7:00PM Worship at  
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