

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SHARE IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

- SUNDAY SERVICES AT 11:00 AM
- CHOIR
- SUNDAY SCHOOL
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- BIBLE STUDY
- ADULT EDUCATION HOUR
- SOCIAL MINISTRY
- OUTREACH
- HALF CENTURY GROUP

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"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
his Love endures for ever."

Psalms 107:1



NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

THANK YOU to all who purchased a BOSCOV'S Friends Helping Friends coupon.						1	2 8:30 AM Cars, Coffee, & Christ 
3 All Saints Day 12:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg Worship & Music Mtg.	4	5 Election Day 6:00 PM Stromboli Making	6 7:00 PM Bible Study <i>(Zoom)</i>	7 6:00 PM Crafting	8 Office Closed	9 10:00 AM End of Life Forum, Prospect Hill	
10 Poinsettia Sale Children's Sermon 9:15 AM Choir Practice 12:00 PM Outreach Mtg.	11 Office Closed Veteran's Day	12 2:15 PM Resource Mtg 6:00 PM Stromboli Making	13 7:00 PM Bible Study <i>(Zoom)</i>	14 6:00 PM Crafting	15	16 1:00 PM Healing Service 	
17 Poinsettia Sale 9:15 AM Choir Practice 12:00 PM Council Mtg. 	18	19 6:00 PM Stromboli Making	20 7:00 PM Bible Study <i>(Zoom)</i>	21 12:00 PM Half Century 6:00 PM Crafting	22	23	
24 Poinsettia Sale Baptism 9:15 AM Choir Practice Order deadline for Cemetery Sprays	25	26 6:00 PM Stromboli Making	27 CANCELLED 7:00 PM Bible Study <i>(Zoom)</i>	28 Office Closed Thanksgiving 	29 Office Closed	30 9:00 AM Manger Set-up 	

Manger Scene on the Front Lawn! Manger Scene set-up is planned for **Saturday November 30th starting at 9:00AM**. We'll gather for some **breakfast treats in the kitchen at 8:30AM**, then start our work at 9AM. We should be done in 2 hours. We hope you could lend a hand. (Recommend you bring some work gloves to protect your hands). Any questions please see Karl McClellan.

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PASTOR'S PEN



Every week we confess our faith in “the communion of saints”. In the words of the Small Catechism, WE ARE called, gathered, enlightened, and made holy by the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit. This process of becoming saints takes place through the “official” means of grace (preaching, baptism and the Lord’s Supper), as well as thought confession and forgiveness, and through something Luther calls “mutual conversation and consolation” among believers. I would add that the Holy Spirit also works in us through prayer, meditative reading of scripture, and our daily calling to love God and neighbor.

As saints, we are still works in progress. IN his discussion of the third article of the creed in the Large Catechism, Martin Luther explains it like this: “now, however, we remain only halfway pure and holy”. The holy Spirit must always work in us through the Word, granting us daily forgiveness until we attain that life where there will be no more forgiveness. IN that life there will be only perfectly pure and holy people, full of integrity and righteousness, completely freed from sin, death, and all misfortune, living in new immortal and glorified bodies.”

What are some of the ways that you experience God’s grace each day? What are some of the places where you find strength and hope to keep on going, one day at a time? Friends, in the end, we are all just walking each other home.

~ Peace and Blessings, Pastor Lee

CHURCH STAFF

- *Pastor*
The Rev. Scott R. Lee
- *Secretary*
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- *Director of Music*
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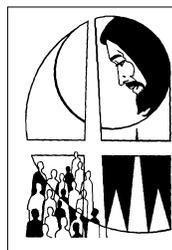
DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH US!!

WE SELL ACME/SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS! FOR EVERY GIFT CARD WE SELL, WE GET 5%!!

See Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus for additional information and the purchase of gift cards. Cash or checks are welcome!



All Saint's Day - All Saint's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 3rd at 11 AM. During the service, the names of those who passed this past year will be read and a bell rung. There will also be a time for folks to come up and light a candle in memory of a loved one. All are welcome. **Bring your friends and families!**



Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group

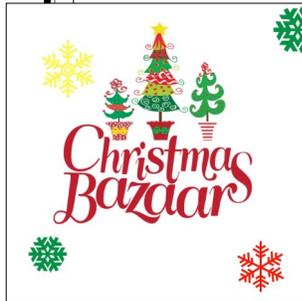
Pack a lunch and join us on the 3rd Thursday of November, the 21st, at noon for good company, conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

RAISERIGHT/SCRIPT GIFT CARDS ~ Starting your Christmas shopping yet? Make it easy with gift cards and help Immanuel also. Immanuel is selling gift cards for just about every store you may want. Immanuel will get a percentage back from sales. Forms are available on the table in the hospitality area or call the office and we will email you the form. Fill out form, make out 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 27th, Nov 17th and Dec 8th. Please allow 2 weeks to receive the gift cards. If you don't see a store you need, you can go on-line at www.raiseright.com and see if it is available and add to your list or ask Jeanne W. and she will check.



Happy November everyone! We are preparing for the **Christmas Bazaar**.



Crafting is every Thursday night in the room below the gym at 6pm. Come join us, no crafting experience needed. If you can't and wish to donate a craft, please let Janice, Jean W., Robin or Mary Lyn know. **The bazaar will be December 7th, 9am-2pm.** Please think about making some of your delicious soup and donating it for the soup table. We will provide the jars. Baked goods are another way of contributing to our bazaar fund raiser. Our cookie walk is always a big hit so if you can provide two or more dozen cookies, we would love that. Look for our sign up poster in the near future.

Katie's Attic has become kind of sparse this year. If you are cleaning out and have some reasonable, clean items you would like to donate, please place them in the cloak room and label them KATIE'S ATTIC and we will take care of them. Please no electronics or clothing.

We also need people to help man the tables, whether it would be the whole 5 hours or just a few, it would be a great help and we have a lot of fun at this gathering.

This is one of our largest financial events of the year for Immanuel, so please consider donating towards this effort with any of these goods.

Starting Nov 5th. We will be down in the kitchen at 6pm **making our Strombolis** that we sell at the bazaar. No experience is needed, just extra hands to assemble these delicious delights. We are only there for 1-1 ½ hrs. at the most.

We will also be **making our beautiful cemetery sprays and cones** on December 12th in the basement stage room starting at 6pm.

If you would be interested in helping in some way please feel free to join us. Many hands make great and quick work. These folks do a wonderful job! They are amazing. Deadline for orders is **November 24th** and pick up is **December 15th.**



Any questions can be answered by Janice Kintsche, Jeanne Warner, or Robin Woodrow. Immanuel would love to see you at any or all of these events. Come and join us.

Peace and Blessings to you all! Social Ministry

BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY



a stewardship program for our congregation

Because of God's Great Mercy - The scriptural basis of this focus on our stewardship of all that God has entrusted into our care is I Peter 2:9, *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light.*

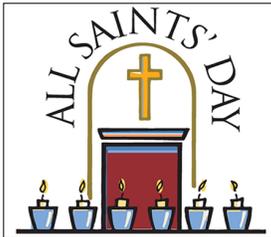
We begin by proclaiming all that God has done for us, through God's great mercy. God has made us God's own people. We will consider how generous giving is an important part of every Christian's life, and how our combined generosity can make even greater things possible through our congregation.

We will think together about how our giving to Immanuel is an important part of our Christian faith, and how Immanuel uses our offerings to do God's work within the congregation's walls, in our community, and around the world.

Because of God's Great Mercy will ask you to do two things. First, you will be asked to increase your giving to Immanuel. Second, you will be asked to consider actively contributing to the activities of the church – assisting at worship, volunteering to help for events, assisting with the housekeeping duties for the building, or representing Immanuel in other community service projects.

Because of God's Great Mercy will use mail, e-mail, and time in worship to share information with you. Please make a special effort to watch for material during this important time in our congregation's life.





ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 3RD, 2024

Remembering our departed members of Immanuel *and* loved ones who have died in the past year. November 2023~ November 2024

-  **Virginia Young**  **Lois Moore***
-  **Lois Farrell**  **George Michael Wimmer***
-  **Marie Rightnour***

**denotes a non-member*

We will be ordering **Poinsettia Plants** to adorn our Altar area at Christmas.

If you would like to place a plant (s) in the Sanctuary, please see one of the Altar Guild members following Sunday service beginning Sunday **November 10th through Sunday, December 1st**. The cost per Poinsettia plant is **\$8.00** each. Please use the envelope provided by the Altar Guild members for the completion of your order.



What if you woke **UP TODAY** with only
the things that you thanked



God for yesterday?

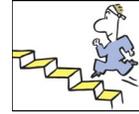


Cars, Coffee and Christ Wraps Up 2024 with our 4th Event! This Outreach event is a team effort with Immanuel, Norwood and St Matthew, Woodlyn. It is a gathering for "Cars, Coffee & Christ" that gives us a chance for fellowship, sharing stories, raising prayer concerns, enjoying snacks and giving back to the community. By the time you read this we will have had our 4th and final event for 2024 on November 2nd (if Mother Nature cooperated) in St Matthew's parking lot. We'll provide a summary in the December newsletter of how that event went. Please check our web sites and bulletins for updates for events in 2025. We hope you might come out and join us!! See Karl McClellan (krmcfamily@aol.com) with any suggestions/questions you may

November is a Time for Thanksgiving!



As you read in the September & October newsletter, the dreaded “summer slump” in giving hit Immanuel very hard. We need to be very transparent about this and let you know. We also did a Temple Talk on 9/22 to share this as well.



To those who have already responded, THANK YOU! To those who may not yet have had a chance to respond, we urge you to please consider: **Catching Up** and/or **Stepping Up** on your contributions. Remember God’s amazing generosity never takes time off, thankfully for all of us! November and the Thanksgiving holiday is a great time to reflect on all the blessings that GOD has bestowed on us.

So What Else Can You Do?

- Do your best to give regularly and if you do miss a week, please try and make it up.
- If you have the ability to give a little more, that would be a blessing!
- Support our fund raisers especially the ongoing **Food Gift Coupons**.
- Get ready and plan to support the Christmas Bazaar on December 7th!

Make Giving Easy and Automatic. Here are **two ways** you can do that:

1. **Your Bank** - You 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 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.



IMPORTANT: If you have set up automatic giving, PLEASE confirm that the funds are actually getting to the church!

New Heating Oil Season is here!



Last month we introduced **Lu the Fire Fly** from Vacation Bible School!!!

Lu is asking that our members 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.



Our Roof Repair is PROGRESSING! Slate repairs are done, and we now have enough contributions in, **THANKS TO YOU**, to do the 2nd phase: The Flat Roof's maintenance! The last priority are Gutter repairs. That will cost about \$300 more. We will hold on that work until added funds come in. Our sincere Thanks to those who have already given. Please support this effort as we work together to care for our Lord's house. Check out the "Sky Blue" poster board in the Hospitality area for details. Our sincere Thanks to those who have already given. Please support this effort as we work together to care for our Lord's house. Check out the "Sky Blue" poster board in the Hospitality area for details.

"Thank you" to all of you who give of your Time, Talents and Treasures!

Sincerely, Your Resource Committee:

Karl McClellan, Jeanne Warner & Sandy Hendrick



Advent Booklet 2024 – Advent will soon be here. To help you prepare for this very special season, Christian Ed will again publish our yearly devotional booklet *with your help!* In the upcoming weeks, please look on the table in the back of church for a list of passages. We ask you to choose one passage and write down your feelings about the passage. There are no wrong interpretations, just your view. Please think about sharing in this booklet. Passage interpretations are due by Nov 3rd to Jeanne Warner. Any questions please contact Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus at 610-888-2579. Email passages to: Warnerjeanne3@gmail.com.



Our **Christmas Cantata** this year will be on **Sunday, December 22nd at the 11:00 AM** service. If you want to sing, join us. If you want to play an instrument, join us. All are welcome and encouraged. Practice will begin on November 10th, 9:15AM-10:00AM.

Please see or call Kathleen at 484-239-9393.

Please join us as the Interboro Ministerium is hosting a forum that will highlight different things to consider as we begin planning for what we will leave for the next generation. We will be joined by Hank and Tracy Griffith of Griffith Funeral Chapel and Bob Firsker, Attorney at law. Bob practices law in Media, PA. **Join us at Prospect Hill Baptist Church on Nov. 9th at 10am.**



Come Join Our Weekly “Virtual” Bible Study on Wednesday Evenings at 7PM

Our **Virtual Bible study** is back with a *move to Wednesdays!* We started this during the pandemic so that people can stay safe at home but also gather (remotely) to learn more about the Bible. This provides **one of three** Bible study options at Immanuel with the others being **in person** on Sunday mornings at 10AM during Sunday School and Wednesday mornings at 9:30am with Pastor Lee at St. Matthew Lutheran, Woodlyn. You are welcome to join either or both as we cover different topics. The **Wednesday night Virtual Bible study** will be using selections from “*Right Now Media*”. All you need is your Bible and we’ll provide the discussion questions when we connect. If you would like a hard 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 in a folder. Sessions will be led by Karl McClellan and Fred Warner. 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!** Please join us if you can!



WHAT: Weekly Virtual Bible Study (*Zoom Meeting*) **WHEN:** **Wednesday** Nights from 7 to 8 pm
HOW to join the meeting: We’ll be using Zoom Conference for this online event. Instructions for joining the meeting or dialing in by phone are below. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Karl McClellan on email at: krmcfamily@aol.com or call his cell phone at 610-761-4804

OPTION 1 - Computer or Tablet (preferred):

To join by video, using your computer’s webcam, click the link below (or copy and paste into your browser) at the start of the event and follow the prompts on your screen. This option is preferred, as it will allow you to see the other attendees, as well as our presentation and to interact using the chat. Join Zoom Meeting using this link (also on our web site: www.Immanuelnorwood.org):

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89778279740?pwd=kDC4ionJbzgZ6PLWDRCAvYiSaYtpl2.1>

Meeting ID: 897 7827 9740

Passcode: 952485

OPTION 2 - Dial-In by Phone:

If you are unable to use the video link, you can dial in using your phone. Simply dial one of the numbers below at the start of the event. You will then be asked to type in the meeting ID followed by the pound (#) key. You may be prompted to enter the meeting passcode as well followed by #. Then you’ll join the call with the event hosts and other attendees.

Dial In Number: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 897 7827 9740

Passcode: 952485



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS!

Joan Truman ~ Nov. 6th

Please refer to your church directory for address information.



PROMISES MADE TO GOD



Our prayers include the following persons as they recall their **Baptism** in **November** and promises made to God and by God:

- † Elsie Campbell † Nicholas Firkser † Kimberly Enriquez
- † Emily Narcavage † Adrienne Narcavage
- † Jeanne Warner † Charles Rodgers



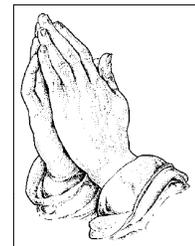
CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
Sept.	0	4	31	34

THE POWER OF PRAYER

- ♥ Amy Williams ♥ Steve
- ♥ Eleanor Kephart ♥ Jane McGuire
- ♥ Barb Calciano ♥ Sylvia Hunsberger
- ♥ Pat Bonner ♥ Bud Harris
- ♥ Marie Parnell ♥ Michael Beck
- ♥ Art Hunter ♥ Beth Funk
- ♥ Fred Dormann ♥ Pat Brolly
- ♥ Steve King ♥ People battling cancer &

- their families.
- ♥ Those impacted by hurricane Helene & Milton.
- ♥ Peace during the election season & peace around the world



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We are a
RECONCILING *in* **CHRIST**
Congregation



ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

For Whom:

ALTAR FLOWERS

- In Honor of
- In Memory of
- In Celebration of

BULLETINS

- In Honor of
- In Memory of
- In Celebration of

DETAILS:

- ANNIVERSARY
- BIRTHDAY
- BAPTISM
- GRADUATION
- LOVED ONES
- OTHER

Prices and Ordering Information

Altar Flowers: \$30.00

Contact Fran Fisher (610.586.3095)

Bulletins

\$20.00

Contact the Church Office for available dates.

Name of Sponsor(s): How it will appear in Service Bulletin

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