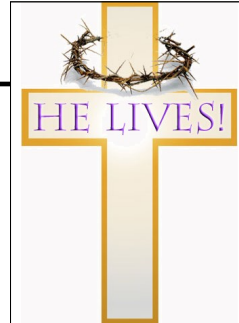


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SHARE IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

As of printing, scheduled activities are subject to change due to COVID-19. Check our website for updates.

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APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>The Calendar reflects "Church" events only. For information in regard to "Use of Building" by outside groups, please see the church calendar in church office, or contact Vi Mayberry or Fred Warner.</p> </div>				1 7:00 PM Zoom Virtual Service Glenolden Congregational 	2 Good Friday 12:00 PM St. Matthew, Woodlyn 7:00 PM Zoom Prospect Hill Baptist Church 	3
4 Easter 11:00 AM Virtual Worship 	5 Office Closed Holiday 6:30 PM Bereavement Group	6	7	8 7:00 PM Virtual Bible Study	9	10
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PASTOR'S PEN

As you read this our time of Lenten fasting and introspection has officially ended. While we no longer make time in our days to remember we are dust and to dust we shall return, we now begin to celebrate Easter and the resurrected life or new life.

During this time of Covid and Lent many of you have been reaching out to one another and the surrounding community in incredible ways.

As I write this the days are getting noticeably longer; the birds are getting more vocal in the mornings. This is most appropriate, as the word "Lent" is rooted in the Old English word for spring time.

Lent is fundamentally a time for spiritual renewal—a kind of spiritual spring-cleaning, if you will. It is a time to return to the basic disciplines that help to restore and strengthen our relationship with God—worship, prayer, generosity, service.

Some of us add additional devotional reading or silent prayer to our daily routine. We may welcome the additional opportunities for mid-week worship and Bible study. Some fast from social media or sarcasm. Others give up lattes or fast food or chocolate, and donate the money that they would have spent on those things to world hunger or the local food pantry. Still others give additional time or labor to causes that make a positive difference in the world. Traditionally, Lent has been a time of preparation for Easter baptism.



CHURCH STAFF

- *Pastor*
Scott R. Lee
- *Secretary, Vi Mayberry*
- *Director of Music,*
Kathleen Schneider

CHURCH COUNCIL

- *Jean Crane*
- *Jason DeLong*
- *Siobhan Delong - Secretary*
- *Fran Fisher*
- *Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus*
- *Joe Kintsche*
- *Frank Martinsen*
- *Alex Narcavage*
- *Janice Narcavage*
- *Fred Warner - President*
- *Don Watts*
- *Robin Woodrow - Vice President*

I invite you, to write to the church and let us know how this past year has affected you. Be it good, bad or ugly. How have you seen God at work in your life? Have you seen a curse become a blessing? Maybe this has been a difficult time and you find yourself in the wilderness. I want to hear about your journeys!

Let us continue our journey seeking each day to invite God into our lives, to see with God's eyes, to hear with God's ears and to reach out with our hands.

Be kind to one another until the day we can again gather together to worship, pray and serve the Lord!

Pastor Lee

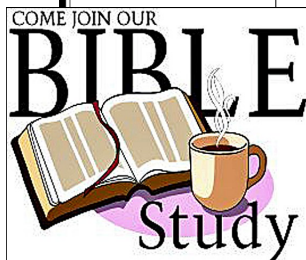


Immanuel is hoping to open its doors once again for in person worship beginning in May. This is all dependent on the current downward trend of COVID infections and in accordance to CDC guidelines. We will still practice safe distancing and wearing of masks. For those who may still be uncomfortable in attending in person, we plan to continue our Facebook Live broadcast of the service. Watch for updates in the May newsletter and future bulletins.



HOLY WEEK

DATE	Location	TIME
Mar. 28th	Palm Sunday	Virtual Worship ~ 11:00 AM <i>Via Facebook Live</i>
Apr. 1st	Maundy Thursday Glenolden Congregational	Virtual Worship ~ 7:00 PM <i>Via Zoom</i>
Apr. 2nd	Good Friday Prospect Hill Baptist Church	Virtual Worship ~ 7:00 PM <i>Via Zoom</i>
Apr. 4th	Easter Sunday	Virtual Worship ~ 11:00 AM <i>Via Facebook Live</i>



Immanuel Adult Bible Study via "ZOOM"

We are doing a virtual Bible study so that people can stay safe at home during the pandemic but also gather (remotely) once a week to learn more about the Bible. We are using a "Life Guide" bible study format. We started in February with a series about the 23rd Psalm which will finish by Easter, then we plan to do another series (probably on the Lord's Prayer, we are still finalizing the details). All you need is your Bible and we'll provide the discussion questions when we "connect". Sessions will be led by Karl McClellan and Fred Warner. If you missed the first week(s) no worries, you are welcome to join in "along the way"!

You will be able to log in via ZOOM **or as long as you have a phone you can dial in as well.** For internet access information, please see "Zoom Bible Study" under separate cover on our **Immanuel website** on the Church Calendar page. **For those without internet access, dial in from your phone to join.**

Dial In Number:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 844 6612 9933 Passcode: 455 400



Visit our website:

www.immanuelnorwood.org

Like us on Facebook:

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood

Church Office hours 9am-1pm

Answering machine: 610-586-5860

Send us your email address:

secretary.immanuel@verizon.net

Some Thoughts on Giving....

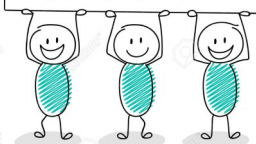
As I consider receiving another stimulus check, I have been thinking about those folks who desperately need the money. I could use the money as I am a senior on a fixed income, but I have not had the worries of many folks who don't have a job and cannot provide for their families. I plan to donate some (maybe all) of the check to programs that can meet the needs of those desperate families. Donations can be sent to Immanuel and will be forwarded to your chosen charity or credited to the Immanuel program you choose. Be sure to designate which program you want to support. If you want to join me in sharing your COVID check, here are a few options for your donations:



- **Immanuel's new Little Free Pantry** – (available on or before April 1) a cabinet that will be located outside the Chester Pike entrance that will be stocked with nonperishable foods. The sign will say: "Take what you need, Leave what you can." Donated funds will be used to purchase food items to keep the pantry supplied.
- **Pastor Lee's Discretionary Fund.** Pastor has access to funds and grocery gift cards to provide when someone is in need.
- **Southeastern PA Lutheran Synod – Covid19 Relief Fund** – to support congregations that are unable to maintain their ministry due to virus concerns.
- **Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Prospect Park** – feeding the hungry in our community.
- **ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response** – responding to many disasters across the country – wildfires, floods, COVID hunger, etc.
- **ELCA World Relief** – providing funds overseas to meet needs of famine, refugee crises, and Covid 19.

If you have any questions, you can call or email me, Joyce Morrison (jemorrison28@gmail.com or 610-506-5387).

THANK YOU



Thank you! Immanuel received an anonymous donation for a \$1,000.00 and a donation from Thrivent Choice dollars for \$1,260.00. God is Good!



American Red Cross Blood Donation Drive has been scheduled for **Monday, April 26, 2021** from 2:00PM – 7:00 PM. The event will be held in the Social Room. It's not too early to mark your calendar and get your appointment. Please register online at: redcrossblood.org. Sponsor Code: Immanuel Lutheran or call them at **1-800-733-2767**. If you need help please contact Colleen Kelly. It takes about an hour from beginning to end and it is so important. Sign yourself up and encouraged friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to do the same. Only through volunteers donating can the Red Cross provide needed blood for emergencies, surgeries, cancer treatments, and more. It only takes an hour and can impact many lifetimes.

Youth Virtual Zoom Meetings! Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9:00am until the end of May. Our remaining meeting dates are: April 11th, April 25th, May 9th, May 23rd.

We meet for about 45 minutes to show and tell about the various crafts that they worked on from the games & activities bags dropped off at their residence. Parents are encouraged to join in by working with their children on the projects. If you wish to be a part of this group, and have children between 3 - 10 years, please contact Pastor Lee at Pastor.Immanuelnorwood@gmail.com. For internet access information, please see "Zoom Youth Activities Meeting" under separate cover on our Immanuel website.



HELP YOUR CHURCH WHILE YOU EAT!!

WE SELL ACME/SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS!!!

AVAILABLE IN \$10 - \$100 DENOMINATIONS!!

FOR EVERY GIFT CARD WE SELL WE GET 5%!!

IT REALLY ADDS UP!!

Please contact Alex Narcavage to purchase gift cards.

Cash or checks are welcome!

ACME

A Blessed Easter to All!

We are already in the fourth month of 2021 and will in all likelihood have celebrated Easter by the time you receive this!! We all hope and pray that the COVID vaccine distribution has really continued to expand and more shots are getting into arms of those from Immanuel!!

We all look forward to getting back to seeing each other in person in church again, once it is safe.

With April comes **Easter!!! Christ is Risen!!! He is Risen Indeed!!!** The ultimate gift from God has been realized with the resurrection of our Savior. God's love for us is the ultimate expression of generosity, the gift of eternal life!!



Your gifts to Immanuel (Time, Talents and Treasures) enable our Church to fulfill our mission, even during these unique and challenging COVID times. We had seen in January and February a bit of a drop in our regular offerings which was concerning and thankfully as we moved through March we had an improvement and saw some people “catching up” which really helped. We hope and pray by the time this reaches you that the trend continues and that perhaps others will have “caught up”. We ask all to prayerfully consider your support of Immanuel as we all celebrate the miracle of Easter!!

Let's do our best to provide generous support so we can continue our Mission doing God's Work the best we can virtually for now (and keep using Face Masks, Social distancing, washing of hands, following CDC guidelines and seek a vaccine when it is your turn!) until it is safe to meet again in person.

**Once again
Thank you!**



Sincerely, Your Resource Committee

Jeanne Warner & Karl McClellan (Co-chairs), Carol Henderson, & Peg Martinsen.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!"

Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Then the other disciple also went in, and he saw and believed

~ John 20:1-8

Christ sacrifice
life rejoice joy
Jesus hope crucifixion
SAVIOR
RISEN
REDEEMER amazing grace
LOVE mercy

HELPFUL NUMBERS TO KNOW IN DELAWARE COUNTY**AGING SERVICES**

County Office of Services for the Aging 610-490-1300 1-800-416-4504 after hours number

CHILDREN AND YOUTH 610-447-1000

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE 610-565-4590

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT 1-800-6624357

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS 1-855-889-7827

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES SEPTA Senior Ride 215-580-7145 (CCT Connect)
Community Transit 610-490-3977

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Delaware County Office of Housing and Community Development (weatherization, home modification, minor repairs) 610-781-5425

Rent and Property Tax Rebate 1-888-728-2937

Housing authority 610-876-2521 (610) 876 - 2521

VETERANS Department of Veterans Affairs 1-800-827-1000

IDENTITY THEFT Consumer Protection Hotline 1-800-441-2555

LEGAL AID 877-429-5994

MEDICAL CARE & PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

1-800-4227 (Medicare Helpline) 215-861-4140 (Regional Office)

Social Security Administration 1-800-772-1213

PACE Prescription Assistance Program 1-800-225-7223

Partnership for Prescription Assistance 1-888-477-2669

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

1-800-34HELP4 (1-800-344-3574)

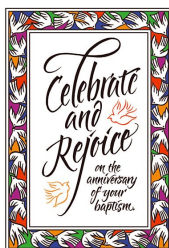
COUNTY OF ASSISTANCE OFFICES/ MEDICAID

Chester: 610-447-3015

Delaware: 610-461-3801

*Thank you Outreach Committee
for compiling this list!*

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



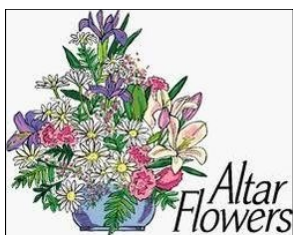
Raven Carney	James Hanly	Colleen Malloy
Lois Farrell	Susan Hornberger	Steven Russell
Benjamin Graham	Joseph Kintsche, Jr	Debra Rodgers
Matthew Graham	Jessica MacWilliams	Frederick Warner, Jr

THE POWER OF PRAYER



- ♥ All those affected by COVID19: patients, caregivers, and those who grieve.
- ♥ Leanne Crouthamel
- ♥ Margaret Swingle
- ♥ Bill Fisher
- ♥ Mary Cole
- ♥ Caroline Harlan
- ♥ Betty Wharton
- ♥ Frank Martinsen
- ♥ Baby Atkins
- ♥ Tiffany Carter
- ♥ Neher Family
- ♥ Joan Leake
- ♥ Carol Hendrickson

Order Your Geraniums for Pentecost! We will be ordering Geraniums to adorn our Altar area on Pentecost Sunday. If you would like to place a plant (s) in the Sanctuary, we will be taking orders either by mail or by dropping off orders during office hours beginning **Sunday April 18th through Sunday, May 9th.** Please include **number of plants, payment, and dedication** for the bulletin in your envelope. **The price per plant this year will be \$4.00.**



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 the dedication you would like to appear in the Sunday bulletin for that day. Spruce up the Altar!! Flowers are \$30.

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The Rev. Scott R. Lee, Pastor

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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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

Envelope No:

Phone