

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SHARE IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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

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DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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The Calendar reflects “Church” events only. For information in regard to “Use of Building” by outside groups, please see the church calendar in the church office, or contact Vi Mayberry or Fred Warner.

1 Advent 1 Poinsettia Sale 10:00 AM Education Hour 12:00 AM W&M Mtg. Christian Ed Mtg.	2 6:30 PM Bereavement Group 7:00 PM Yoga	3	4	5 6:00 PM Bazaar Setup Bible Study	6 6:00 PM Bazaar Setup	7 9:00 AM Christmas Bazaar 2:30 PM Manger Scene Set-up Tree Decorating
8 Advent 2 10:00 AM Education Hour Property Mtg. 12:00 AM Outreach Mtg.	9 6:30 PM Bereavement Group 7:00 PM Yoga	10 6:00 PM Resource Mtg.	11	12 6:30 PM Bible Study	13	14
15 Advent 3 10:00 AM Education Hour 12:00 AM Council Mtg.	16 6:30 PM Bereavement Group 7:00 PM Yoga	17	18	19 6:30 PM Bible Study	20	21 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Ministry
22 Advent 4 10:00 AM Education Hour	23 6:30 PM Bereavement Group	24 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28
OFFICE CLOSED						
29 Lessons & Carols 10:00 AM Education Hour	30 6:30 PM Bereavement Group	31 New Year's Eve 	January 1 	The LAST DAY for 2019 contributions will be December 29th, 2019.		
OFFICE CLOSED						

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PASTOR'S PEN

Thank you for filling out your commitment card!

As you read this the holidays will be in full swing. Thanksgiving brought about a consciousness of all the things we have to be grateful or thankful for. The holidays are not only a great time to gather with family and friends but also to give alms to those in need. There is so much activity this time of year. Not only do we have the opportunity to gather with family, sometimes the only time of year to see them, but also I give thanks for the time and energy you all spend to make God's presence known right here and in this place.

The Christmas season seems only to build upon the frenzy begun in Thanksgiving. We not only give thanks but we also count our blessings. We are blessed indeed. This past year we all tried many new things, not the least of which was changing your worship time. I can say this has been a blessing to me. Thank you.

We begin the work anew in a few months with the election of new council members. This is a great opportunity to help shape the vision and ministry of this church. I invite you to be a part of something larger. I also want to say thank you for filling out your commitment card. I know they can be annoying but these cards are vital in helping us budget for the upcoming year. Additionally, many members, including myself, use an automated withdrawal. This is especially helpful in the summer when you may be away.

May the spirit of Christ Jesus be born in you and dwell with you this Christmas season.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor

CHURCH STAFF

- *Pastor*
The Rev. Scott R. Lee
- *Secretary*
Vi Mayberry

CHURCH COUNCIL

- *Jean Crane*
- *Tom Graham*
- *Colleen Kelly*
- *Joe Kintsche - President*
- *Frank Martinsen - Vice President*
- *Joyce Morrison - Secretary*
- *Janice Narcavage*
- *Emily Narcavage - Jr. Council*
- *Vicki Slotterback*
- *Fred Warner*
- *Jeanne Warner - Treasurer*
- *Don Watts*
- *Robin Woodrow*



Thank you to all who participated in the Boscov's Hands Helping Hands. We made \$160.00. Not as good as last year, but every bit counts.

Thank you to all who made our Annual Spaghetti Dinner a success. The planners! The workers! and everyone who attended. Thanks to all who donated desserts and raffle baskets. We had lots of food, dessert, 5 items to raffle off and a 50/50. The total the church made was \$808.00. This was a success thanks to everyone who participated. We also need to thank Thrivent Financial who helped sponsor the event.



Please continue to support Immanuel's events - Next Up - Christmas Bazaar!

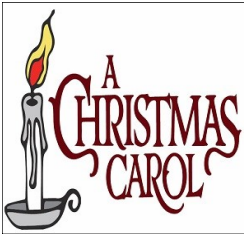
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Start your Christmas shopping online with **Amazon**. Enter through Amazon Smile and select Immanuel Lutheran Church Norwood as your charity and half of 1% will go to Immanuel.

Thanks for supporting Immanuel!



Members are attending *A Christmas Carol* on December 8 at 2:00 pm. For those who have tickets, you are welcome to pack a lunch and join us at Hedgerow Theater soon after church. Karl and Darlene have reserved a room there for our lunch. We can carpool - let Joyce Morrison know if you need a ride or can provide one. We will eat our lunches there and enjoy a relaxing time as we socialize until it is time for the play.



HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



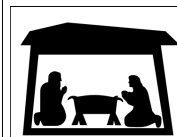
**- Morning Worship/Dramatic Reading -
Sunday, December 22nd - 11:00 AM**



**- Candlelight Service -
Christmas Eve - 9:00 PM**

**- Lessons & Carols -
Sunday, December 29th - 11:00AM**

Please come out and join in the spirit of the holidays on Saturday, Dec. 7th at 2:30 PM after the Christmas Bazaar wraps up to set-up the Manger and the decorating of the Christmas Tree. Many hands will make it go well! Please consider helping us out as we decorate our church for the blessing of Christmas! Any questions, please contact Karl McClellan on his cell phone at 610-761-4804 or email krmcfamily@aol.com. Take down is planned for Saturday, Jan. 4th at 9:00am.



Thank you Members! Our annual stewardship theme for this year was *Live a God-Pleasing Life!*, which provided a special time of growth for us as Christian stewards. As we heard and studied God's Word in worship, we grew in faith and spiritual maturity. It was a time to be reminded of the grace of God extended to us through his Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, and to have the opportunity to respond to that grace through the faithful and generous giving of our time, talents, and money. Thank you for your commitment to your faith and your generosity to our church in this community.



For those who have not provided a written commitment yet for 2020, copies of the form are available on the table in the hospitality area along with small envelopes. Place your commitment form in the small envelope and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the council members. The financial portion will be provided to the treasurer and will be kept confidential.

“*ERASE the DEFICIT*” in 2019

During the Annual Congregation meeting in January a deficit was forecasted at just under \$10,000.00.

So what can we all do?

Focus on giving to our church! Here is how we all can support Immanuel.

- Use your weekly white and monthly blue envelopes. (Consider enrolling in “Simply Giving” to make that even easier.)
- Buy Acme/Giant/Shoprite Food Gift Cards. Everyone eats right? Give it a try!
- Participate in Social Ministry’s activities like the Christmas Bazaar!
- Be part of all the events the new Fund Raising Committee is rolling out.
- Use Amazon Smile for your online purchases.
- Be part of Thrivent Matching gifts and their “Designated Giving Program”.
- *“Erase the Deficit!”*

There are “Erase the Deficit” envelopes in your pew rack, plus extra envelopes in the box on the Hospitality table. **Here is an update on our progress:**

2019 DEFICIT WHEN STARTED	\$9,626.63
SAVINGS FROM CHANGING INSURANCE	-\$1,500.00
DONATIONS RECEIVED IN NEW ENVELOPES	-\$5,012.00
DEFICIT BALANCE REMAINING:	\$3,114.63



**Only \$3,114 to go!! Keep going Immanuel!
Let’s do our best by the end of the year!!**

Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help your church.

Thank you, Your Resource Committee

J. Warner, K. McClellan, C. Henderson, P. Martinsen & M. Shuster

WORSHIP & MUSIC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Dec. 1st	Dec. 8th	Dec. 15th	Dec. 22nd	 Dec. 24th 	Dec. 29th
LITURGIST	D. Watts	K. McClellan	J. Kintsche	D. Watts	D. Watts	Leader: D. Watts
LECTOR	J. Crane	V. Slotterback	H. Eberle	D. McClellan	K. McClellan	
USHERS	D. McClellan J. Warner	H. Eberle A. Narcavage	J. Crane J. Warner	H. Eberle A. Narcavage	J. Warner D. McClellan	Volunteers



FINISH YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH US!!

WE SELL ACME/GIANT/SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS!!!


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

For the neighbor that helped shovel your snow, the mailman that always goes the extra mile, or the elderly Aunt that doesn't need another Knick knack but could use help with their prescriptions and food!!

SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS MAKE PRACTICAL, USEFUL, AND APPRECIATED CHRISTMAS GIFTS!!

Please see Alex Narcavage on Sundays to purchase gift cards. Cash or checks are welcome!

SAY **MERRY CHRISTMAS** WITH GIFT CARDS BOUGHT THROUGH IMMANUEL AND AT THE SAME TIME, AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU, GIVE BACK TO THE CHURCH



COME TO
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN'S
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, December 7th

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Bake Sale
- Cookie Walk
- Soup Sale
- Craft Sale
- Raffle Table
- Lunch
- Stromboli

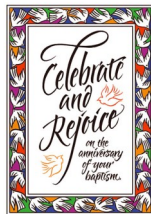




HOMEBOUND MEMBERS BIRTHDAY

Mary Cole ~ December 10th
Betty Wharton ~ December 25th

Please refer to your church directory for address information.



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

- Deborah Leflar Joanne Fitzpatrick
Karl McClellan Matthew Conley Jr

THE POWER OF PRAYER



- Linda Williams
Betty Wharton
Jane Moll
Autumn Rack
Margaret Swingle
Leanne Crouthamel
Christine Corsi
Frank D'Angelo



- Rachell Luty
Makayla
Nicholas McLaughlin
Jim Harlan



SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

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

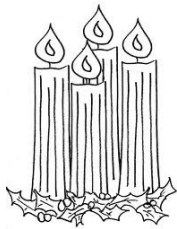


CONGREGATION STATISTICS



	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
Oct.	0	2	49	48

ADVENT COIN FOLDER REMINDER 



Your Advent Coin Folder can be returned at anytime during the Advent season. The offering received through the Advent Coin folder is used during the winter months to help defray the cost of our heating oil. Prices for this season are expected to be extremely high! Please place your coin folder in the offering plate at anytime during the month of December. Your generous support is appreciated!

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND LEADERS



Reminder to have your **annual reports** in by the end of the year to the church office. Email is the most efficient and preferred method of communication if possible. Everyone's support and help is greatly appreciated.

Member Directory

UPDATED MEMBER DIRECTORIES



Before writing out those Christmas cards, make sure you pick up the updated directory of Immanuel Members. Directories are located on the right of the bookshelf in the secretary's office labeled with a pink sign above them.

Forgot to pick one up on Sunday? Just call Vi and you can pick it up during the week between 9AM-1PM. Homebound members, just let Vi know, and we will send one out on your next visitation.





Lutheran Historical Society Pilgrimage Came to Immanuel!

Immanuel had a unique opportunity to host the Lutheran Historical Society (LHS) Pilgrimage and Annual meeting on November 16th. Here is a picture of the group prior to their luncheon.

We had a chance to share our History about the church in general and Tindall Memorial Mural as well as our current work and future plans.

A great big **Thank you** to the Outreach, Property, Worship & Music Committees, Pastor Lee, Sylvia Hunsberger & Karl McClellan for their work to make this possible and their presentations.

Looking forward we have a chance to submit an article about Immanuel for inclusion in their 2020 Periodical! It promises to be a great keepsake telling the story of Immanuel. We will work with LHS to set up a way to purchase copies if you'd like. (Note if you chose to join LHS, which costs \$15.00/year, the periodical is included!)

If you have historical information or photos about Immanuel or Norwood that you'd like to have considered for inclusion please see Karl McClellan or Sylvia Hunsberger.

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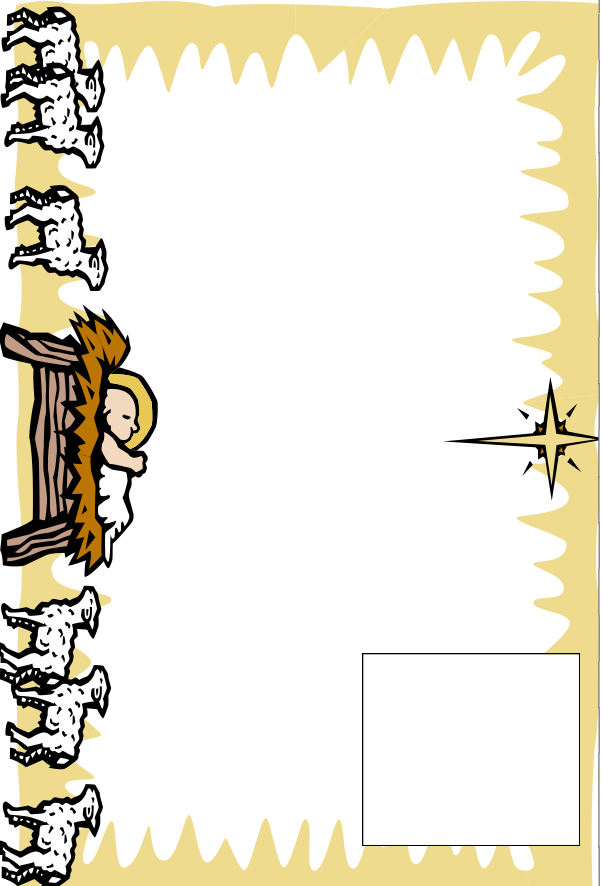
The Rev. Scott R. Lee

Church Office Hours

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

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