

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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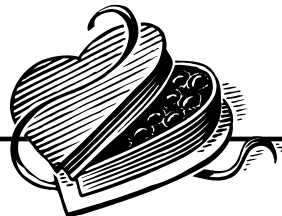
## SHARE IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

- SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10:00 AM
- YOUTH GROUP
- CHOIR
- SUNDAY SCHOOL
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- BIBLE STUDY
- ADULT EDUCATION HOUR
- SOCIAL MINISTRY
- OUTREACH
- HALF CENTURY GROUP
- MEN'S BREAKFAST MINISTRY




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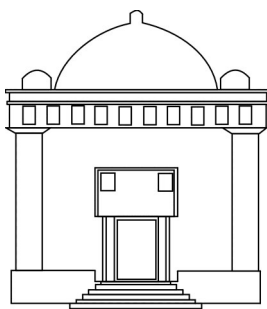
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>The Calendar reflects "Church" events only. For information in regard to <b>"Use of Building" by outside groups</b>, please see the church calendar in church office, or contact Vi Mayberry or Fred Warner.</p>					1	2
<p>3 - <b>SOUPER BOWL</b>  <b>9:00 AM</b>                      Education Hr                      Worship &amp; Music  <b>11:00 AM</b>                      Christian Ed Mtg  <b>11:30 AM</b>                      New Members Class</p>	<p>4  <b>6:30 PM</b>                      Bereavement Grp.  <b>7:00 PM</b>                      Yoga</p> 	5	6	<p>7  <b>6:30 PM</b>                      Bible Study</p>	8	9
 <p><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> 						
<p>10 - <b>BINGO!</b>  <b>9:00 AM</b>                      Education Hr                      Property Mtg.  <b>11:00 AM</b>  <b>Outreach Mtg.</b>                      Valentine Bingo</p> 	<p>11  <b>6:30 PM</b>                      Bereavement Grp.  <b>7:00 PM</b>                      Yoga</p>	<p>12  <b>6:00 PM</b>                      Resource Mtg.</p>	13	<p>14  <b>6:30 PM</b>                      Bible Study</p> 	15	16
<p>17  <b>9:00 AM</b>                      Education Hr  <b>11:00 AM</b>                      Council Mtg.  <b>7:00 PM</b>                      Youth Group</p>	<p>18  <b>6:30 PM</b>                      Bereavement Grp.  <b>7:00 PM</b>                      Yoga</p>	19	20	<p>21  <b>12:00 Noon</b>                      Half Century  <b>6:30 PM</b>                      Bible Study</p>	22	<p>23  <b>8:00 AM</b>                      Men's                      Breakfast                      Ministry</p>
<p>24  <b>9:00 AM</b>                      Education Hr</p>	<p>25  <b>6:30 PM</b>                      Bereavement Grp.  <b>7:00 PM</b>                      Yoga</p>	26	27	<p>28  <b>6:30 PM</b>                      Bible Study</p>	 Church Events	

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## THE PASTOR'S PEN

Cleansing the temple. John 2:13-19: there is a striking difference between the marriage in Cana and this one at the temple in Jerusalem. At the wedding, Jesus was an invited guest who pleased the people. In the Jerusalem temple, Jesus was an uninvited stranger in his Father's house, whose display of anger and judgement shocked those in attendance.



Jesus referred to his body as a temple, meaning that it is the sanctuary of the living God. He said, "Destroy this temple and I will raise it again in three days." The apostle Paul understood our bodies to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. He wrote the Corinthians that they were to honor their bodies, both physically and spiritually. Paul taught that our bodies are to be a living example of disciplined holiness, that God might be revealed through us.

What do we find when we examine our lives? Are we a pure sanctuary that enables people to see and experience the love and power of Christ? We spend so much time on outer appearances, and devote little time to the inner life. Our New Year's resolutions are often focused on obtaining the perfect body versus focusing on obtaining a perfect soul.

The Jerusalem temple was an architectural masterpiece that impressed those who came to worship. But the world of sin penetrated its courts,

## CHURCH STAFF

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

## 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*

turning it into a storefront where profiteers gathered. As a result, it lost its spiritual life and purpose.

It is the Lord who created our temple, with its uniqueness and multifaceted abilities. He has given us a soul that we might commune with him and be recipients of his love.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor



After a disappointing first round of advertisements, we are continuing our search for a worship musician. We have decided to seek someone to play for us on Sunday morning (organ is preferred, but both piano and/or organ are welcome to apply.) If they are interested in helping with the choir, we will include it in our interview, but not seek a full Music Director. Please keep our search in your prayers and conversations. Networking is a GREAT source of potential employees. Current students (college or talented high school) would be considered.

Details of the job are on our website at [immanuelnorwood.org](http://immanuelnorwood.org). Have applicants send a letter of interest to [secretary.immanuel@verizon.net](mailto:secretary.immanuel@verizon.net) or mail it to the church.

If you have questions, see Darlene McClellan, Pastor Lee or Joyce Morrison.

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & COUNCIL UPDATE

Please welcome our new council members elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Jan. 27th. They are:

**Robin Woodrow      Jean Crane      Fred Warner      Janice Narcavage**  
**Emily Narcavage (Jr. Seat)**

The newly elected Executive Committee:

**President** - Joe Kintsche      **Vice President** - Frank Martinsen  
**Treasurer** - Jeanne Warner      **Secretary** - Joyce Morrison

**Thank You** to our outgoing Council Members for their commitment and years of service to the church and the congregation:

Tom Neher 2013- 2019      Alex Narcavage 2015 - 2019      Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus 2012 - 2019

February 3rd is our annual Immanuel vs. Hunger! We wish to fill our football with various types of canned goods to feed our hungry and fill our pantry! So when you are shopping please pick up an extra can or two for our pantry. Our pantry is very low on supplies because of the holidays. Many families have benefited from our generosity. We are grateful to our congregation for their continued support of all Social Ministry and other committees' endeavors.



Ash Wednesday is March 6, 2019!  
 Watch for all your Lenten news in the  
 March newsletter!

**HELP YOUR CHURCH WHILE YOU EAT!!**

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



NOW AVAILABLE IN \$10 DENOMINATIONS!!



FOR EVERY GIFT CARD WE SELL, AND YOU USE, WE GET 5%!!

**IT REALLY ADDS UP!!**

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

**PLEASE BUY THE GIFT CARDS AND  
 HELP OUT IMMANUEL!**





Don't forget to wear your Valentine best: Red or Pink. Look for sign up sheet in the back of the church.

WORSHIP & MUSIC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE—FEBRUARY



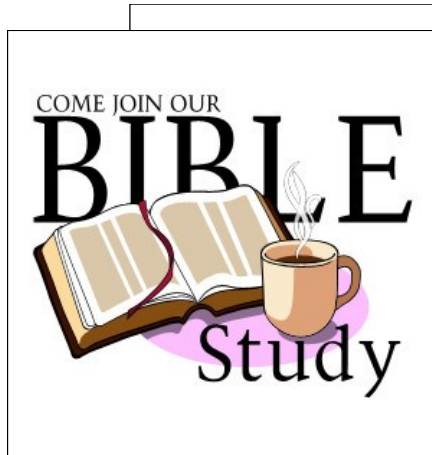
	Feb. 3rd	Feb. 10th	Feb. 17th	Feb. 24th
ACOLYTE	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteers
LITURGIST	D. Watts	J. Kintsche	K. McClellan	D. Watts
LECTOR	H. Eberle	V. Slotterback	D. McClellan	J. Crane
USHERS	J. Firkser D. McClellan	H. Eberle J. Warner	A. Narcavage H. Eberle	J. Crane J. Warner

**Immanuel will hold a new members class** on Feb. 3rd after church, about 11:30 am. We will have a light lunch (Hoagies/drink) We expect the class to last not longer than 2 hours. The class are open for new members and all people interested in attending. The class will cover Basic Lutheran Theology, history of ELCA/Immanuel, and an opportunity to meet various committee members and hear what each committee does.

New Members  
Class



**All are  
Welcome**



### Thursday Evening Bible Study –

Meeting from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Choir room. We are currently studying “Matthew...Being Discipled by Jesus” using a Life Guide Bible Studies book by Stephen and Jacalyn Eyre. It is a well-structured and thought provoking guide that is generating a lively discussion each week that is helping us all gain a better understanding. If this interests you please join us! It is structured so that you can join us “along the way”.....you do not have to wait until we start the next topic. We have up to 10 people coming on any given week and we are really enjoying it!

Any questions please ask Joe Kintsche, Karl McClellan or Fred Warner. Hope to see you on Thursday evenings.

### CHURCH CLOSING DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER

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. Folks can also check the Facebook page “Immanuel Lutheran Church” for church closure information. Closing announcement will be made no later than 6:30AM to ensure ample time to plan your morning.



## “*ERASE the DEFICIT*” in 2019

During the Annual Congregation meeting in January we'll be voting on a spending budget of approximately \$118,000.00 with an income projection based on our results for 2018 of \$108,000.00 so at this early point of the year a deficit is forecasted at just under (\$10,000.00)

### So what can we all do?

Let's get a great start to 2019's giving to our church. Here is how we all can support Immanuel's programs:

- 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.
- Participate in Social Ministry's activities.
- Be part of all the events the new Fund Raising Committee is rolling out. (Like the Pancake Breakfast!)
- Use Amazon Smile for your online purchases.
- Be part of Thrivent Matching gifts.



In addition to this, your Resource Committee is launching *a new program* called “*ERASE THE DEFICIT*”!

We'll keep you updated on how we are doing and there will be extra “**Erase the Deficit**” envelopes in your pew rack. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help your church. Together We Can Do It!!

**Thank you,  
Your Resource Committee**





**N**ewsletter **D**istribution We need everyone's email to distribute the newsletter for a **more timely receipt and a cost savings** for the church. If you do not have an email – the newsletter will be mailed to you. Send an e-mail to **jemorrison28@gmail.com**. Please be sure that the body of your email includes your name and the names of other members of your household with whom you will share your emails.

**RYCYCLE YOUR INK CARTRIDGES!!**

**We are in need of your used Ink Cartridges!!** Recycled cartridges help the environment as well as earn cash rewards for purchases. Donations of your used ink cartridges have saved the church **hundreds of dollars in office supplies**. Please continue in the spirit of recycling and at the same time help the church offset the cost of our paper products! Leave any used cartridges for Vi either on her desk or in the designated box in the Hospitality area.



**RELAX....REJUVENATE....STRETCH....BREATHE**  
 Put an end to the Monday blues (not to mention stress!) with gentle **YOGA** classes at Immanuel. Our yoga sessions are held every Monday night from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in our gym. Classes are \$8.  
 It is good for you (and for Immanuel, too!) Come find out what it's all about. Bring a friend!

**CONGREGATION STATISTICS**



	<b>Members Removed</b>	<b>Members Added</b>	<b>Avg. Weekly Attendance</b>	<b>Avg. YTD Attendance</b>
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>43</b>



## IN REMEMBRANCE

**Lois P. Watts - December 22, 2018**

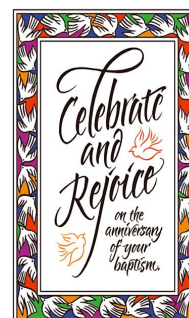
Lois Watts memorial service, led by Pastor Scott Lee, was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on December 29th, 2018. Her private burial was at Arlington Cemetery. Please keep Don Watts and his family in your prayers.

*<sup>1</sup> Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ~ John 14:1-2*

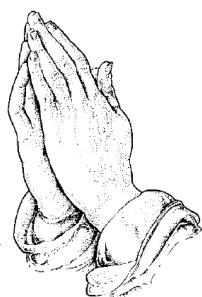
Our prayers include the following persons as they recall their

**Baptism** in **February** and promises made to God and by God:

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| † Carol Hendrickson   | † Donald Watts  |
| † Patricia Barker     | † Alexis Paglia |
| † Michael Essick, Jr. | † Jane McGuire  |
| † Deanna Marucci      |                 |



## THE POWER OF PRAYER



- |                      |                       |                                     |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ♥ Judy Green         | ♥ Suzanne Decoumb     | ♥ Denise Galezynski                 |
| ♥ Don McGrogan       | ♥ Margaret Swingle    | ♥ Susan Sowar                       |
| ♥ Brian Hamilton     | ♥ Ned Messick         | ♥ Judy Firkser                      |
| ♥ Jon Romanelli      | ♥ Deb Meara           | ♥ Bob MacDonald                     |
| ♥ Edna May Potteiger | ♥ Fran Fisher         | ♥ Friends & Family of<br>Lois Watts |
| ♥ David Eglin        | ♥ Janet Spence Miller |                                     |
| ♥ Craig Sanders      | ♥ Paul McCandless     |                                     |
| ♥ Karen Roher        | ♥ Grace Slotterback   |                                     |
| ♥ Roger Comer        | ♥ Bill Cole           |                                     |

## Attention Married Couples

Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Don't delay--remember that because we are celebrating 50 years of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, **we are offering 50% off on all registration fees for 2019!** Whether your marriage is practically perfect or whether you have some struggles, couples overwhelmingly report that the Weekend is the best thing they have ever done for their relationship!



The 2019 Northeast US spring Weekends are: **April 5-7, 2019** at Country Inn & Suites just off of Hwy 99 in State College and **April 26-28, 2019** at Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA.

We are also taking reservations for our fall Weekends: **October 11-13, 2019** at the Hyatt Place Pittsburgh/Cranberry in Cranberry Township, PA, and **November 1-3, 2019** at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, MA.



Please go to the website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) to see the cost for the Weekend of your choice. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. Financial assistance is available for those in need. Fill out and submit the form, and complete your registration with a credit card, or you may choose the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net).



Sponsor **A**ltar **F**lowers! 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 \$35.

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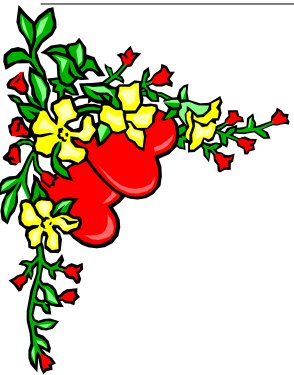
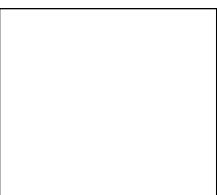
Secretary: [Immanuel@verizon.net](mailto:Immanuel@verizon.net)

The Rev. Scott R. Lee, Pastor

Church Office Hours

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

TIME VALUE—DATED MATERIAL  
Address Change Service (ACS)  
Requested



ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

For Whom:

Prices and Ordering Information

ALTAR FLOWERS

BULLETINS

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

Altar Flowers: \$35.00  
Contact Fran Fisher (610.586.3095)

Bulletins: \$20.00  
Contact the Church Office for available dates.

DETAILS:

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

Envelope No:

Phone

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