

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day <b>Office Closed</b> 	2	3 6:30 PM Bible Study	4	5 8:30 AM Snacks & Manger take down.
6 9:00 AM Education Hr Worship & Music 11:00 AM Christian Ed Mtg	7 6:30 PM Bereavement Group 7:00 PM Yoga	8 6:00 PM Resource Mtg.	9	10 6:30 PM Bible Study	11	12
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27 9:00 AM Education Hr 11:00 AM Annual Congregational Mtg	28 6:30 PM Bereavement Group 7:00 PM Yoga	29	30	31 6:30 PM Bible Study		



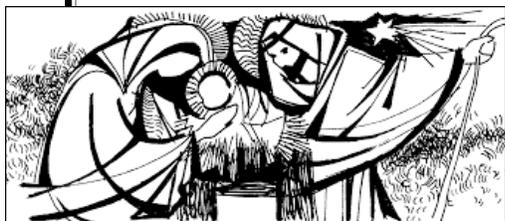
**The Calendar reflects “Church” events only.** For information in regard to **“Use of Building” by outside groups**, please see the church calendar in the church office, or contact Vi Mayberry or Fred Warner.

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## PASTOR'S PEN

"O come, O come, Emmanuel" is probably the oldest Christmas carol still sung today. This popular hymn dates back to the ninth century and represents an important and ancient series of services celebrated by the church. It also presents the different biblical roles that the church believed Jesus fulfilled. The universal nature of faith presented in this song continues to be embraced by every Christian denomination in the world.



The writer is unknown. He was no doubt a monk or priest who penned the words before 800AD. More than a simple, almost monotone melody, the words paint a rich illustration of the biblical prophecies fulfilled

by Christ's birth. So the story of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is really a condensed study of the Bible's view of the Messiah.

The first verse of the song is taken from Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:23. It introduces Emmanuel and Israel as a symbol for the Christian world, held captive on a sinful Earth.

Isaiah 11 serves as the theme for the verse that begins "O come, thou rod of Jesse, free" (Sometimes "branch of Jesse"). The rod of Jesse represents Christ, who is the only one who can defeat Satan and bring eternal life.

"O come, O come Dayspring, come and cheer" presents the image of the morning star, traced back to Malachi 4:2. In this verse, the savior will bring justice, honesty and truth.

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## CHURCH STAFF

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

## CHURCH COUNCIL

- *Tom Graham*
- *Marylyn Horne-Onimus*
- *Colleen Kelly*
- *Joe Kintsche*
- *Frank Martinsen –*  
*Vice President*
- *Joyce Morrison - Secretary*
- *Alex Narcavage*
- *Emily Narcavage -*  
*Jr. Council*
- *Tom Neher - President*
- *Vicki Slotterback*
- *Jeanne Warner - Treasurer*
- *Don Watts*
- *Robin Woodrow*

## PASTOR'S PEN (CON'T)

O come thou key of David," references Isaiah 22:22. This verse explains that the newborn king holds the key to heavenly kingdom.

This hymn is a tribute not only to the birth of God's child but also the fulfillment of God's promise to bring light into the world. This would have been a popular way to help a society who was largely illiterate to remember a God who fulfills his promise to his children.



Blessings, Pastor Scott



## 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. Closing announcement will be made no later than 6:30AM to ensure ample time to plan your morning.

## Come to our Pancake Breakfast!

Saturday January 19th, 2019

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

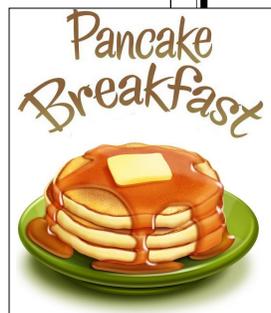
\$6.00 Adults

\$3.00 Children 5 & under

Includes pancakes, sausage, drinks, and pastries

Get Your Tickets!

Contact Janice Narcavage - 610-726-4356



## SOCIAL MINISTRY

Hopefully, everyone had a very Merry Christmas. Time to relax, spend valuable moments with family and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

A BIG thank you goes out to ALL the ladies, the dedicated members of our property committee, and the helping hands of our Immanuel family that contribute to help make our events so successful!

We are so blessed to have many talented members at Immanuel who generously contributed, YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

Stayed tuned, and watch the weekly bulletins for details on our upcoming events.

Feb.	Souper Bowl Sunday, Valentine Bingo
Apr.	Easter Candy Sale
May	Mother's Day goodies
Jun.	Father's Day goodies
Jul/Aug.	Protein based food collection
Nov.	Cornucopia – collection of non-perishable food items
Dec.	Annual Christmas Bazaar, Cemetery sprays /cones sale

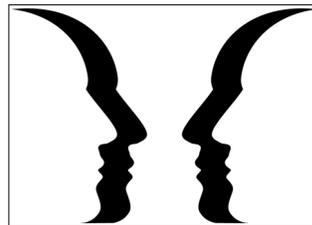


SOCIAL MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE

A VERY HEALTHY AND HAPPY 2019!

## CONVERSATIONS

Look for a phone call from members of the Reconciling in Christ committee - Karl McClellan, Joe Kintsche, Colleen Kelly Jean Crane, or Joyce Morrison. We are planning to speak to all active congregation members to learn more about their attitudes and thoughts about the future of Immanuel, looking forward to being able to advertise Immanuel as a congregation that welcomes all people regardless of their background, ethnicity or gender orientation.



## IMMANUEL NEEDS YOUR CONTINUED HELP IN 2019

In last month's newsletter your Resource Committee asked for your help to pay the *last 2018 Insurance Bill*. At that time we **did not have sufficient** funds to pay the \$2630.00

### YOU RESPONDED WELL!

Through generous special donations, support of the Christmas Bazaar and the "Spirit Night" at Michaels we were able to pay the bill!

### THANK YOU!

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

- Your weekly white envelope (Consider doing "Simply Giving" to make that even easier)
- Your monthly blue envelope
- Acme/Giant/Shoprite Food Gift Cards
- Social Ministry's activities
- Events the new Fund Raising Committee is rolling out (i.e. an upcoming Pancake Breakfast!!!!)
- Amazon Smile
- Thrivent Matching gifts
- Support the "Thank you" board envelopes for Oil and Insurance (Note: you may see this replaced with a "Close the Deficit" program.....more on that later!)



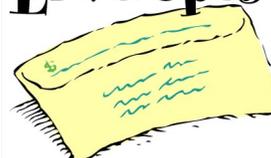
**Thank you Immanuel!**

**Sincerely, Your Resource Committee**

2019 envelopes can be found on the table in the back of the church.

Homebound members will receive their envelopes in the mail unless they request the Pastor or Lay Minister to bring them along on their next scheduled visitation. Please contact the church office in advance.

# Offering Envelopes



## Sunday Morning Adult Study

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** - Sunday mornings at 9:00am to 9:45am. In January we will be discussing "Honoring our Neighbor's Faith" which is about understanding other denomination traditions and non-Christian traditions and comparing them to Lutheran traditions. If this interests you, please join us. We meet in the room outside the gym in the educational wing. We have great discussions and welcome all. Any questions, please ask Jeanne Warner or Joyce Morrison. Hope to see you Sunday mornings.

Christian Education hopes everyone had a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year!!

If there are any questions about Sunday morning classes due to the weather, call the church office for a recorded closing announcement.



# JANUARY 27th

FOLLOWING THE

10:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

*(Severe weather date Feb. 3rd)*

## Happy 67<sup>TH</sup> Birthday to Immanuel Lutheran's Nativity Scene!



(Left to Right) **Front row:** Karl McClellan, Keira Lee, Pastor Lee, Dave Firkser & Carolyn Campbell. **Middle row:** Darlene McClellan, Tom Neher, Janice Kintsche, Sue Potteiger, Judy Firkser, Nick Firkser, Kimberly Enriquez & Mike Million. **Back row:** Joe Kintsche, Frank Martinsen, Tom Graham & Brian Campbell.

Believe it or not, our Nativity scene will celebrate its 67<sup>th</sup> birthday this year! The first year the manger was displayed goes back to 1951. It was an idea that was suggested by Immanuel's Sister Zedena and from there it became a project embraced by many in our congregation and people in the community.

- The lumber to build the manger actually came from the old Norwood railroad station as a result of Sister Zedenda's request to the foreman to allow us to salvage some of the wood.
- The painting of the figures was done by Mrs. Fred Hazel who was an accomplished artist of the day.

- The first year the scene had the baby Jesus, Mary, a chicken and a squirrel. Then over the next several years they added Joseph, the donkey, sheep, the angel and the window. (Sadly over the years the chicken and the squirrel have escaped!).
- Due to the labors of love to mend and erect the manger annually (to the best of my knowledge) it has been on continuous display bringing the Christmas spirit to Norwood every year since 1951!

So as you walk by this Christmas season please take a few minutes to pause and enjoy the scene. Say a little prayer of “Thanks” to those folks who, 67 years ago, had a dream and made it come to life! It sure is amazing what committed Lutherans can accomplish! Speaking of what we can do when we work together, this year we combined efforts to put up both the manger and the Christmas tree on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Snacks, fellowship and excellent team work resulted in a fun and productive morning! My “Thanks” to all those who helped put up the tree and the manger.

There were several key contributors not in the photo as well. First is Fred Warner who helped get the equipment organized. Second is Colleen Kelly who provided the hay (and her horse “Manny” who was willing to share!). Third is Debbie Leflar who found 2 ceramic chickens at a flea market and through our Christmas Bazaar they were obtained to replace the original chicken (who had escaped years ago).



And finally a BIG “Thank you” to Elayne Schmidt who used her artistic talents to restore the paint on our manger scene with the cow and donkey as the years had taken a toll on that. This is a continuation of her efforts to restore the manger’s artwork. Well done!!!

I wish a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year to all!!! A Blessed New Year to all!!! Karl McClellan



WORSHIP & MUSIC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE—JANUARY



	Jan. 6th	Jan. 13th	Jan. 20th	Jan. 27th
ACOLYTE	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
LITURGIST	K. McClellan	D. Watts	J. Kintsche	K. McClellan
LECTOR	H. Eberle	S. Potteiger	V. Slotterback	D. McClellan
USHERS	H. Eberle A. Narcavage	J. Warner J. Crane	ML Horne-Onimus J. Crane	D. McClellan J. Firkser

MEN'S MINISTRY



Every fourth Saturday of the month at 8:00 AM, the men's breakfast fellowship ministry meets. All the men of the congregation are invited to start the morning with breakfast and fellowship and then join in doing some work projects around the church. Here is a good way to meet new guys and stay in touch with the old guys. I didn't mean age wise, but guys you have known for some time. For more on this event see Frank Martinsen.

RELAX....REJUVENATE.....STRETCH....BREATHE

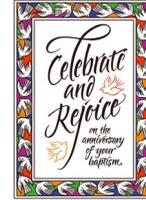
Put an end to the Monday blues (not to mention stress!) with YOGA classes at Immanuel. Our yoga sessions are held every Monday night from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Classes are \$8. It is good for you (and for Immanuel, too!) Come find out what it's all about. Bring a friend!



CRISIS PHONE LINE 855-889-7827

The holidays are full of emotion, many joys but many challenges for individuals and families. A phone help line is available from the Delaware County Crisis Connections Team. If you know a family with a holiday crisis...**please share!**

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



† Violet Bailey

† Frederick Warner

THE POWER OF PRAYER



- ♥ Judy Green
- ♥ Don McGrogan
- ♥ Brian Hamilton
- ♥ Jon Romanelli
- ♥ Virginia Young
- ♥ Kim Kaufman
- ♥ Edna May Potteiger
- ♥ David Eglin
- ♥ Craig Sanders
- ♥ Karen Roher
- ♥ Lois Watts



- ♥ Roger Comer
- ♥ Suzanne Decoumb
- ♥ Margaret Swingle
- ♥ Ned Messick
- ♥ Deb Meara
- ♥ Fran Fisher
- ♥ Janet Spence Miller
- ♥ Paul McCandless
- ♥ Grace Slotterback
- ♥ Danny Narcavage



*Volunteers Needed!*

On Saturday January 5th we will take down our **Manger Scene** (for the 67th time!!). Gathering for snacks will be at 8:30 AM with the work starting at 9AM. **Thank You!**

CONGREGATION STATISTICS



	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
<b>Nov.</b>	0	0	44	42

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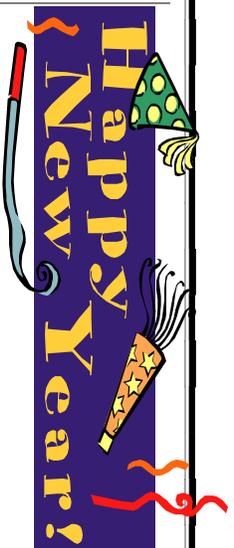
The Rev. Scott R. Lee

610.586-5860

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:

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: \$35.00

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