

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed 	2 6:30 PM Bible Study	3	4 9:00 AM Manger take down.
5 10:00 AM Education Hr 11:00 AM Christian Ed Mtg Worship & Music	6 6:30 PM Bereavement Group 7:00 PM Yoga	7	8	9 6:30 PM Bible Study	10	11
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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.

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PASTOR'S PEN

I want to say that I am very excited about this upcoming year. I have been working with council as well as other individuals and committees as we look at where we have been historically as well as where we are going. Immanuel, I believe, is on the forefront of what church will look like as we continue into the 21st century.

It is a good to keep in mind that as we seek to make changes there can be barriers that arise in the face of change, even if change is desired. It is good to keep these in mind so we can avoid sabotaging ourselves and move with the Holy Spirit.

Below are a few positions that are common in resisting change.

Nostalgia

Nostalgia locks us into beliefs about the way things used to be that may have little or no basis in reality. We often retreat to Nostalgia when we are faced with the unfamiliar or some change that we perceive as threatening.

Underestimating the Process

Change naturally triggers a variety of feelings that are normal and predictable. During periods of change people are likely to have a range of emotions. It is common for whole churches (or companies) to go through stages of disintegration and then cycles of rebuilding.

Thinking in Absolutes

People who think in absolutes usually don't listen to anyone but themselves. They resist new ideas and try to keep things at status quo. They believe that there is only one right way to do things. Lack of flexibility slows down the response time to change.

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CHURCH STAFF

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

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*

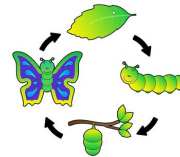
PASTOR'S PEN (CON'T)

Polarity Thinking

Polarity thinking is thinking in terms of either/or. This prevents them from seeing other options until failure or crisis forces them to look at things from a broader perspective.

Perception

The way in which we receive a situation will determine how we approach it. Reframe the perception and the method of resolution changes as well. (Sometimes asking different questions helps). The most difficult aspect of change is changing the way we relate to it.



Blessings, Pastor Scott



⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

~ *Philippians 4:8-9*

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Our Christmas bazaar was another success and we had a good flow of customers shopping and browsing. The cookie walk continues to be a main attraction along with our beautiful assortment of goodies at our bake table. Thank you to all who donated cookies and/or baked goods. Our soup table was once again plentiful. Stromboli's were a success and will be a yearly event. Ladies get those rolling pins ready for next year! You did an amazing job.

Yard sale, and craft tables continue to create customers attention. Judy continues to do an amazing job in our kitchen with the help of Frank and Joe.

We continue to thank everyone who ordered the "Real Greens" cemetery sprays and cones. The ladies continue to make beautiful sprays and cones. Thank you ladies for your continued time and dedication. They are truly a work of love and compassion.



Thank
you

So another year has passed, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts to: all of the folks who helped man the tables, our dedicated and awesome property committee, our bakers, soup makers, cookie makers and those who donated crafts or yard sale items. Our crafting sessions will return in the fall so put on your thinking caps and help us come up with some new and exciting craft ideas to fill our table. If you don't craft but have some ideas, please feel free to share with the ladies of Social Ministry and we will be happy to try them out. You are simply the best and we have been blessed to have you here at Immanuel.

We hope to see more resources and personnel join social ministry this year so we can continue with our social traditions and help Immanuel thrive. All (men and women) are welcome to join us! A Happy and Healthy New Year to you and yours. May the New Year be everything you would like it to be and more. Thank you again to all our Immanuel Family.

RESOLUTIONS FOR AVOIDING MISERY

Choose to love—rather than hate. ~ Choose to smile—rather than frown.

Choose to build—rather than destroy. ~ Choose to persevere—rather than quit.

Choose to praise—rather than gossip. ~ Choose to heal—rather than wound.

Choose to give—rather than take. ~ Choose to act—rather than delay.

Choose to forgive—rather than curse. ~ Choose to pray—rather than despair.



“ERASE the DEFICIT” in 2019 Update

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!
- 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” for 2019!*

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 as of Dec:**

2019 DEFICIT WHEN STARTED	\$9,626.63
SAVINGS FROM CHANGING INSURANCE	-\$1,500.00
DONATIONS RECEIVED IN NEW ENVELOPES	-\$5,695.00
DEFICIT BALANCE REMAINING:	\$2,431.63

Only \$2,431 to go!! Let’s do our best to do this to wrap up 2019!!

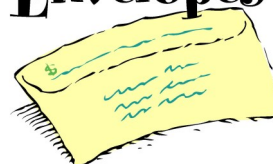
We will evaluate for 2020 where we are once the budget is passed at the Congregational Meeting. Please continue to use the “Erase the Deficit” envelopes to help us close out 2019.

Thank you, Your Resource Committee

2020 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

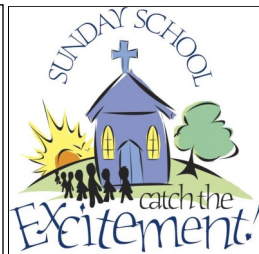


CHURCH CLOSING DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER

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.

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 26th

FOLLOWING THE

11:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

(Severe weather date Feb. 2nd)

Happy 68TH Birthday to Immanuel Lutheran's Nativity Scene!



(Left to Right) Standing: (*look carefully by the lamb*) Hannah, Nick and Dave Firkser, Frank Martinsen, Mike Million, Fred Warner, Bob Firkser and Karl McClellan. **Kneeling in front:** Caddie Jayne, Brian & Carolyn Campbell. **My "Thanks" to all of those who helped put up the manger!**

Believe it or not, our Nativity scene will celebrate its 68th 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 came from the old Norwood railroad station.
- 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 it has been on 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, 68 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 7th following the Bazaar. Snacks, fellowship and excellent team work resulted in a fun and productive day! My "Thanks" to all of those who helped put up the tree and the manger.

There were two key contributors not in the photo as well. First, a BIG "Thank you" to Elayne Schmidt who used her artistic talents to restore the Angel as the years had taken a toll on that. This is a wonderful continuation of her efforts to restore the manger's artwork. Well done!!! Second is Colleen Kelly who provided the hay (and her horse "Manny" who was willing to share!).



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



WORSHIP & MUSIC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE—JANUARY



	Jan. 5th	Jan. 12th	Jan. 19th	Jan. 26th
ACOLYTE	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
LITURGIST	K. McClellan	D. Watts	J. Kintsche	K. McClellan
LECTOR	K. McClellan	J. Crane	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!

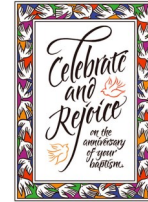


CRISIS PHONE LINE 855-889-7827

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:

† Frederick Warner



THE POWER OF PRAYER

♥ Christine Corsi
 ♥ Kim & Makayla
 ♥ Helen Clark
 ♥ Betty Wharton
 ♥ Linda Williams



♥ Leanne Crouthamel
 ♥ Margaret Swingle
 ♥ Jim Smith
 ♥ Janice Narcavage
 ♥ Alex Narcavage



*Volunteers
 Needed!*

On Saturday January 4th we will take down our **Manger Scene** (for the 68th 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
Nov. 2019	0	0	46	47

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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

BULLETINS

☐ In Honor of

☐ In Honor of

☐ In Memory of

☐ In Memory of

☐ In Celebration of

☐ In Celebration of

DETAILS:

☐ ANNIVERSARY

☐ GRADUATION

☐ BIRTHDAY

☐ LOVED ONES

☐ BAPTISM

☐ 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