

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>DUE TO THE INCREASED CASES OF COVID19 IN PA, ALL IN CHURCH SERVICES & GROUP EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.</p>					<p>1 New Year's Day Office Closed</p> 	<p>2</p>
<p>3 Virtual Worship</p>	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>10 Virtual Worship 1:00 PM Outreach Mtg.</p>	11	<p>12 6:00 PM Resource Mtg.</p>	13	14	15	16
<p>17 Virtual Worship 12:00 PM Council Mtg</p>	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>24 Virtual Worship</p>	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>31 Virtual Worship 12:00 PM Annual Congregational Mtg</p> 	<p>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.</p>					

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PASTOR'S PEN

In the church year, January 6, the Epiphany of our Lord, marks the transition from the twelve days of Christmas to the season of Epiphany. We recall how the light of the star led the magi to the Christ child, and we celebrate how Jesus is the light of the world. That theme of light for the nations continues through the Sunday readings for Epiphany, culminating with the Transfiguration of our Lord, which celebrates Christ transfigured in glory on the mountaintop. Another prominent theme for Epiphany is the church's mission. Just as Christ is the light of the world, so we are sent to bear his light to others. In our baptismal liturgy, the newly baptized person is presented with a lighted candle while the assisting minister reads these words: "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). This verse is also the basis for the familiar spiritual "This little light of mine".



One day, we too will be transformed in glory, our faces bright shining like the sun. Until that day, our marching orders are to bring some light into the dark places all around us. So, how do we let our little lights shine? Tell others what God has done for you. Sing your praises. Feed the hungry. Welcome the stranger. Walk with those strangers until they become friends. Love your enemy. Forgive, and forgive some more. Speak out for the most vulnerable ones. Tend the sick. Give cheerfully. Pray boldly. Tell the story. Listen to someone who is hurting. Testify to the hope that is within you. There are as many ways to shine Christ's light as there are stars in the sky.

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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*
- *Tom Graham*
- *Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus*
- *Colleen Kelly*
- *Janice Narcavage*
- *Vicki Slotterback*
- *Fred Warner - President*
- *Jeanne Warner - Treasurer*
- *Robin Woodrow - Vice President*

PASTOR'S PEN (CON'T)

This Epiphany season, I invite you to join me in praying for the mission and ministry of Immanuel. In what new directions might God be calling us to grow? In what new ways might the abundant gifts and talents of this congregation be used to meet the needs of our neighbors near and far? How can we connect with the people around us who are searching for God, longing for community, or eager to find spiritual purpose in their lives? How can we share the good news of Jesus with the people around us who may be indifferent, angry, or uncertain about the whole "church thing"? Lord, show us your will. Shine your light on our path. Amen.

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



We wish everyone one a healthy and blessed new year! We were very sad to have canceled our activities over this past year. Let us enter into a healthier 2021 and find ourselves able to gather in worship and social gatherings again. Wear a mask, social distance when having to go out, and please stay safe and healthy so we may be together again real soon. Social ministry misses you and can't wait to reunite once again. God bless you and keep you safe!

HELP YOUR CHURCH WHILE YOU EAT!!

YOU CAN SUPPORT IMMANUEL BY PURCHASING GIFT CARDS FOR
ACME, SHOPRITE, AND GIANT!



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



**FOR EVERY GIFT CARD WE SELL, WE GET 5% AS A
DONATION TO IMMANUEL!! IT REALLY ADDS UP!!**

TYPICALLY, CARDS ARE AVAAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER WORSHIP
SERVICE. IF YOU NEED THEM DURING THE COVID19 PANDEMIC,
PLEASE CALL EITHER THE CHURCH OFFICE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE
OR CALL ALEX NARCAVAGE, HE WILL GET BACK TO YOU.

PLEASE BUY THE GIFT CARDS AND HELP OUT IMMANUEL!



Ordering from Amazon? Enter AmazonSmile and designate Immanuel to receive a percentage of your purchase. Easy way to help your church!

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

We are all glad to see the page turn and put 2020 behind us. There is certainly hope for a better year in 2021 as the COVID vaccines make their way out into the population. We all look forward to getting back to seeing each other in person in church again, once it is safe.

We should all reflect on the Christmas season and the ultimate Christmas gift GOD gave us in Jesus Christ to take away our sin that provides the way to eternal life. What a miraculous gift!

We are gifts as well to Immanuel as we share our Time, Talents and Treasures to enable our Church to fulfill our mission. The Resource Committee would encourage all of us to think about what we give of our Time, Talents and Treasures so that Immanuel can keep going even through these unique and challenging COVID times.



Let's continue do our best with **generous support** so we can continue our Mission doing God's Work....the best we can virtually now (Face Masks, Social distancing, washing of hands, and following CDC guidelines) until it is safe to meet again in person..

Once again.. **Thank you,**

Your Resource Committee

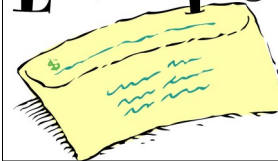
J. Warner, K. McClellan, C. Henderson, P. Martinsen

RESOURCE

To save postage costs on mailing envelopes, **2021 envelopes** are available for contactless pickup at the church beginning on January 4th, 2021. To pick up: ring bell during office hours (Mon-Fri 9am-1pm) and Vi will buzz you in. Envelopes will be on a table when you enter.

To make other arrangements, please call the office. We will try to have someone drop the envelopes off at your home.

Offering Envelopes



ENVELOPE ALTERNATIVES

Simply Giving is a cost and time effective way to support the church especially during this challenging time. It is easy to do and you can cancel at any time.

OPTION 1: Simply Giving is program where you authorize a monthly/weekly withdraw from your bank account and then deposited directly into the church's account. To get authorization form, please call Jeanne Warner 610-416-1911.

GIVEPLUS⁺

OPTION 2: Give Plus - You can now download the GivePlus+ app to your phone (use the app store – Android or iPhone) you can link the app to your bank account for transfers from your account to the church.



JANUARY 31st

FOLLOWING THE

11:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

(Severe weather date Feb. 7th)

Subject to Change due to COVID 19



#RedCrossOnTheWay

Immanuel's blood drive in October resulted in The collection of 30 units of blood that were sent to be used by about 90 patients at the Hospital of the Univ. of Pa, Presbyterian Medical center, St Mary's Medical Center, Children's Hospital, and the Phila VA center. Thank you for those who donated, shared the information, and volunteered to make it a huge success.

We have added a blood drive for January to help the Red Cross meet the needs of our neighbors.

Please consider signing up to donate and encourage friends and family to sign up as well. Blood drives only help if people sign up to donate.

**Immanuel Blood drive
Monday January 18th
Noon to 5pm.**

Sign Up by using the free Red Cross **Blood Donor** App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or **calling** 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**DUE TO THE INCREASED CASES OF COVID19 IN PA, ALL
CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES ARE NOW VIRTUAL ON
FACEBOOK AND GROUP EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.**

**This is a fluid situation and changes daily, please keep up
with the most recent church developments by:**

Visit our website: www.immanuelnorwood.org

Follow 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



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.



Little Free Pantry



Outreach is going to join the Little Free Pantry movement. A Little Free Pantry is designed to hold non-perishable pantry items and will be accessible to anyone walking by the church. People are invited to “Give what you can. Take what you need.” more information is available at littlefreepantry.org/

After our pantry is installed, Outreach will monitor the supplies and use items from the food pantry in the basement. Depending on the amount of use, we may need to institute further food drives.

Interested in helping as we implement this project? Call or email Joyce Morrison, Outreach Chair – 610-506-5387 or jemorrison28@gmail.com.

Holiday Helpers

Thank you, Immanuel! We received \$545 in gifts to provide food for families in need for the holiday! WOW – how generous of you! Grocery gift cards will be provided to several families, cards will be provided to Pastor Lee to distribute as he becomes aware of needs and some money will be left over to cover the cost of materials to build our own **Little Free Pantry**. *(article above)*



Message from Fred Warner, Council President

I hope and pray that everyone is well. I would like to bring you up to date about what has been happening at Immanuel since we suspended services again as of November and associated church activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All of us are experiencing a great deal of transition as our faith community adjusts to social distancing.

The office remains open and operating as it always has 9:00am-1:00pm. Vi Mayberry continues to see that the office is up and running every day. A "BIG THANK YOU" to Vi for being present. Even though the office is open we ask that you not visit the office for social calls. If you need to visit the office to drop something off please call Vi so she knows to expect you.

We are continuing to learn and experiment with how to communicate and support each other without having the opportunity to gather in person. With the help of Vi and Joyce Morrison the weekly service bulletin is emailed to those of you that have provided a good email address and also posted to the Immanuel web site for anyone with internet access to use and share. We are using our Facebook page "Immanuel Lutheran Church" to share brief Sunday morning service presented by Pastor Lee along with music provided by Kathleen Schneider and Joyce Morrison. We continue to look at new and innovative ways to share the Good News.

We need to also keep in our prayers the various outside support group gatherings that have been temporarily suspended, N/A group meetings, Parents of Murdered Children, Pharm Assist and Immanuel Bereavement Group.

Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers along with the larger faith community. Reach out to someone you might share a pew with on Sunday morning just to say "Hi". You don't know how much someone needs to hear a familiar voice including you.

We will continue to follow the recommendations and guidance of the governor, health professionals, SEPA Synod and the ELCA as to when we can begin to gather for services and worship as a community. As decisions are made on coming together we will get the word out to everyone.

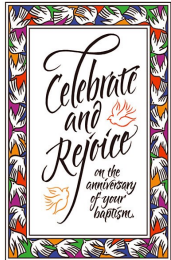
Please keep yourselves safe and healthy, and stay "connected" in whatever manner you can. We will weather this together with Faith and trust in our Risen Lord and Savior.

Fred Warner, Council President



Keeping in mind looking out for one another here is a quote attributed to Martin Luther

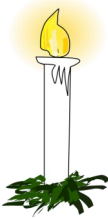
"No one may forsake their neighbors when they are in trouble. Everybody is under obligation to help and support their neighbors as they would themselves like to be helped."



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



- ♥ Jane Moll
- ♥ Leanne Crouthamel
- ♥ Margaret Swingle
- ♥ Bill Fisher
- ♥ Mary Cole
- ♥ Caroline Harlan
- ♥ Thomas Deshulo



- ♥ Teri Lanan
- ♥ Betty Wharton
- ♥ Frank Martinsen
- ♥ Baby Atkins
- ♥ Bob & Jo-Ann Moore
- ♥ Bud McClellan
- ♥ Karen Everette
- ♥ Bonnie

CONGREGATION STATISTICS



	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
Nov. 2020	1	0	36	38



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!**

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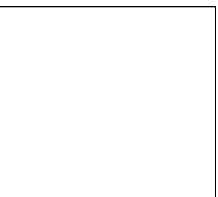
The Rev. Scott R. Lee

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Church Office Hours

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

JANUARY 2021



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