

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SHARE IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

- SUNDAY SERVICES AT 11:00 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>We will still practice safe distancing and wearing of masks unless otherwise announced.</p>		<p>Please pick up your "Fellowship Cup", an all-in-one wafer and juice set (the bread and wine) when entering the sanctuary before worship.</p>			<p>1 New Year's Day</p>
<p>2 10:00 AM Education Hr 12:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg Worship & Music</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM Meditation Monday (<i>Zoom</i>) 6:30 PM Bereavement Group</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Manger & Tree take down.</p>
<p>9 10:00 AM Education Hr 12:00 PM Outreach Mtg. Relationship Check-up</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Meditation Monday (<i>Zoom</i>) 6:30 PM Bereavement Group</p>	<p>11 6:30 PM Resource Mtg. 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 10:00 AM Education Hr 12:00 AM Council Mtg Relationship Check-up</p>	<p>17 9:00 AM Meditation Monday (<i>Zoom</i>) 6:30 PM Bereavement Group</p>	<p>18 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 10:00 AM Education Hr 12:00 PM Relationship Check-up</p>	<p>24 9:00 AM Meditation Monday (<i>Zoom</i>) 6:30 PM Bereavement Group</p>	<p>25 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 10:00 AM Education Hr 12:00 PM Congregational Mtg.</p> 	<p>31 9:00 AM Meditation Monday (<i>Zoom</i>) 6:30 PM Bereavement Group</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

I hope this letter finds you well and excited about the year ahead. I am excited about many offerings here at Immanuel this year. The New Year is often a time to think about things we want to do differently. Many times, we are looking to improve our health in some way. Part of our health is our relational health. If you have not done so, register for Relationship check-up. In our time together, over a three-week workshop we will look at nine areas like stress, communication and finances as we check in with one another and access how to truly give a gift to yourself and loved ones. The three week course has a \$50 fee. Please contact me for registration information.



In February I am excited about a four-week puppet workshop. Each class will be 45 minutes and will provide an opportunity for parents and kids to enjoy a fun, interactive experience. By the end of the workshop the participants will have a puppet and an opportunity to record a play for family and friends to watch. Look for more detailed information in our bulletins and on our website sometime in January.

Happy New Year! Pastor Scott

CHURCH STAFF

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

- *Jean Crane*
- *Jason DeLong*
- *Siobhan DeLong - Secretary*
- *Fran Fisher*
- *Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus*
- *Joe Kintsche*
- *Frank Martinsen*
- *Alex Narcavage*
- *Janice Narcavage*
- *Fred Warner - President*
- *Don Watts*
- *Robin Woodrow - Vice President*

Little Free Pantry

Have you noticed? It's WINTER! Please think about those without enough food to eat and place items in our pantry. Let's provide hearty, warm winter foods. We do need to adjust to the weather, so please, no glass containers that might freeze. If our pantry is full, items can be placed inside the Chester Pike door on the left. You can bring donations on Sunday morning or the church secretary can buzz you in the door during office hours, 9:00 – 1:00 most weekdays, except holidays.



New Year Check Up for Relationships



Give yourself and your partner a gift of healing and growth that lasts a lifetime and will make that lifetime more enjoyable. Utilizing tools provided by the program, you and a partner can experience a relationship checkup. In the same manner that a doctor takes your height, weight and blood pressure, a relationship checkup helps you see where your relationship stands today.

Immanuel Lutheran Church and Council for Relationships have worked together to bring you this program at a discount. Normally offered for \$99 for three sessions, Slone Previdi, LCSW and Rev. Scott Lee are excited to offer this experience for only \$50. Join us for a three-day retreat (broken up into 3 separate sessions lasting about one and a half hours for three consecutive Sundays in January, 9,16,23. You can sign up by calling the church office at 610-586-5860; emailing Pastor Lee at pastor.immanuelnorwood@gmail.com or call Pastor Lee at 814-490-4325. You can also email Sloan Previdi at sprevidi@councilforrelationships.org.

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.	Valentine Bingo
Apr.	Easter Candy Sale
May	Mother's Day goodies
Jun.	Father's Day goodies
Dec.	Annual Christmas Bazaar, Cemetery sprays /cones sale

SOCIAL MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE
A VERY HEALTHY AND HAPPY 2022!



*Volunteers
Needed!*

Manger Take Down. On Saturday January 8th we will take down our **Manger Scene** (for the 70th time!!) and also our **Christmas tree**. Gathering for snacks will be at 8:30 AM with the work starting at 9AM.

Thank you to anyone that can lend a hand!

Happy New Year & Reflecting on Christmas Blessings

As we enter 2022, we hope and pray that your New Year's resolutions include generously giving to Immanuel so that we may continue and expand our ministry! During the Christmas season, we were all reminded of the greatest gift of all that GOD gave us...his Son Jesus...and Salvation through Grace. In 2021, we saw a decline in giving as the pandemic still impacted us. We are thankfully seeing more folks attending in person but also we are working hard to offer a "hybrid" program that people can also participate virtually. Whether in person or remotely, we need to ask all of us to *prayerfully consider what more we can do to help our church.*

For those coming in person please remember we have offering plates to receive your gifts. We have resumed "passing the plates". But if you are uncomfortable with passing, then please use the plates before the service or as you leave (Please see our Bulletin for specifics.)

For those doing church virtually, we have **added 3 NEW, EASY and VIRTUAL ways for people to DONATE to IMMANUEL!** We are using "Tithe.ly", the company that partnered with the ELCA and is recommended by our Synod. NOW you will see on our Website and on our Facebook page, "links" which you can click and make a secure donation! AND in the BULLETIN, here is a QR code which you can scan with your smart phone! This will take you right to the Tithe.ly site.



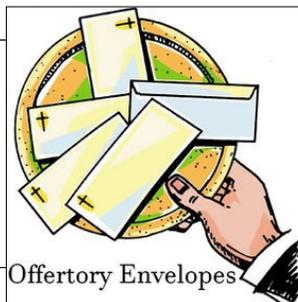
Please note these ways listed above are all additional ways to give. All of our previous methods (envelopes, Simply Giving, Offering plates, etc.) are still in place. If you have any questions or suggestions on our new virtual ways to give please see Karl McClellan.

This month we'll have our Annual Meeting and we'll be voting on the 2022 budget. There are some exciting new programs and some costs have gone up (like the PPP loan repayment) so we'll all have to "roll up our sleeves" and do our parts to succeed in 2022. All your gifts to Immanuel (*Time, Talents and Treasures*) equip our Church to fulfill our mission even during these unique & challenging COVID times.

Let's do our best to provide generous support so we can continue our Mission doing God's Work...the best we can for now (using Face Masks, Social distancing, washing of hands, following CDC guidelines and seek a vaccine/booster).

Once again, Thank you! Sincerely, Your Resource Committee

2022 envelopes can be found on the table in the back of the church. To make other arrangements, or to pick up during the week, please call the office at 610.586.5860



Offertory Envelopes



**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

Adult Bible Study - Sunday mornings at 10:00am to 10:45am. In January we will be discussing "The Last Days of Jesus" which will lead us through Lent. It is a video Bible Study. We meet in the choir room.

We have great discussions and welcome all. Any questions, please ask Jeanne Warner or Joyce Morrison. Hope to see you Sunday mornings.

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 6:30 AM to ensure ample time to plan your morning.



JANUARY 30th

FOLLOWING THE

11:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

(Severe weather date Feb. 6th)

Happy 70TH Birthday to Immanuel Lutheran's Nativity Scene!



Believe it or not, our Nativity scene will celebrate its 70th birthday this year! The first year the manger was displayed was 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 the original chicken and squirrel have escaped!).
- Due to the labors of love to mend and erect the manger it continues to bring the Christmas spirit to Norwood

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, 70 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 the manger, the Christmas tree and decorate the church on Saturday December 4th following the Bazaar. Fellowship and excellent team work resulted in a fun and productive day!!



We managed to get a picture of some of the team late in the day :(from left to right): Mike Million, John Law, Kimberly & Elena Enriquez, Darlene & Karl McClellan, Fred Warner and Joe Kintsche. Others who helped were: Jeanne Warner, Nancy & Colleen Williams and Pastor Lee. One other key contributor was Colleen Kelly who provided the hay (and her horse “Manny” who was willing to share!).

My “Thanks” to all those who helped put up the manger, the tree & decorate the church.

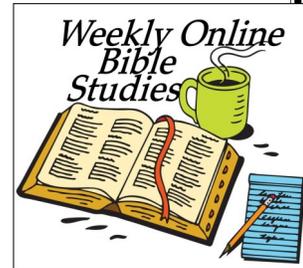
I wish a Merry Christmas
and Blessed New Year to all!!

Sincerely, Karl McClellan



Immanuel's weekly "Virtual" Bible Study to Resume in January 2022!

After a holiday break we are going to resume our virtual Bible study so that people can stay safe at home during the pandemic but also gather (remotely) once a week to learn more about the Bible. **We are Moving to TUESDAY NIGHTS!!** We are using another "Life Guide" bible study about Jesus' Final Week that will take us into Lent. All you need is your Bible and we'll provide the discussion questions when we "connect". Sessions will be led by Karl McClellan and Fred Warner. Please join us if you can!!! Here are the details:



WHAT: Weekly Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesday nights starting January 11, 2022, from 7 to 8 pm

WHERE: Zoom Meeting (Instructions below)

How to join the meeting

We'll be using Zoom Conference for this online event. Instructions for joining the meeting or dialing in by phone are below. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Karl McClellan on email at: krmcfamily@aol.com or call his cell phone at 610-761-4804.

OPTION 1 - Computer or Tablet (preferred):

To join by video, using your computer's webcam, click the link below (or copy and paste into your browser) at the start of the event and follow the prompts on your screen. This option is preferred, as it will allow you to see the other attendees, as well as our presentation, and to interact using the chat. Join Zoom Meeting using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82473637465?pwd=bjJlUGFFam5oQWxOOHgyVW5MbVpDz09>

Meeting ID: 824 7363 7465 **Pass code:** 880345

OPTION 2 - Dial-In by Phone:

If you are unable to use the video link, you can dial in using your phone. Simply dial one of the numbers below at the start of the event. You will then be asked to type in the meeting ID followed by the pound (#) key. You may be prompted to enter the meeting passcode as well followed by #. Then you'll join the call with the event hosts and other attendees.

Dial In Number:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 824 7363 7465 **Passcode:** 880345

Thank you and hope you can join us!!!!



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

- ♥ Leanne Crouthamel
- ♥ Margaret Swingle
- ♥ Mary Cole
- ♥ Caroline Harlan
- ♥ Betty Wharton
- ♥ Joan Leake
- ♥ Sandra Kessler
- ♥ Debbie Leflar
- ♥ Robin Johnson
- ♥ George & Doris Kloehs
- ♥ Tina McDevitt
- ♥ Gina
- ♥ Eric McMullan
- ♥ Joanne Leake
- ♥ Phillip Hunsberger
- ♥ Barbara Stauffer
- ♥ Brittany & Sean
- ♥ Tom & Taylor Neher in the passing of Chris.
- ♥ Fran Fisher & Family in the passing of her son, Bill Jr.
- ♥ All affected by Covid

CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
Nov.	0	0	32	33



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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Church Office Hours

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



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: \$30.00

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