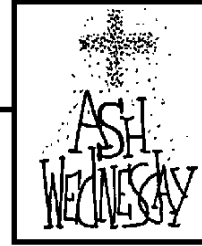


# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Mar. 6, 2019

## SHARE IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

- SUNDAY SERVICE AT 10:00 AM
- YOUTH GROUP
- CHOIR
- SUNDAY SCHOOL
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- BIBLE STUDY
- ADULT EDUCATION HOUR
- SOCIAL MINISTRY
- OUTREACH
- HALF CENTURY GROUP

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# MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>The Calendar reflects "Church" events only. For information in regard to "Use of Building" by outside groups, please see the church calendar in church office, or contact Vi Mayberry or Fred Warner.</p>					1	2
<p>3 9:00 AM Education Hr Worship &amp; Music Mtg. 11:00 AM Christian Ed Mtg</p>	<p>4 6:30 PM Bereavement Group 7:00PM Yoga</p>	5	<p>6 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Service: 7:00 PM Glenolden Congregational Church</p>	<p>7 6:30 PM Bible Study</p>	8	<p>9 <b>Set Clocks ahead before bed!</b></p> 
<p>10 9:00 AM Education Hr Property 11:00 AM Outreach</p>	<p>11 6:30 PM Bereavement Group 7:00PM Yoga</p>	<p>12 6:00 PM Resource Mtg.</p>	<p>13 6:30 PM - Lenten Soup/Service Immanuel, Norwood</p> 	<p>14 6:30 PM Bible Study</p>	15	16
<p>17 <b>Order Flowers</b> 9:00 AM Education Hr 11:00 AM Council Meetin 7:00 PM Youth Group</p> 	<p>18 6:30 PM Bereavement Group 7:00PM Yoga</p>	19	<p>20 6:30 PM - Lenten Soup/Service Holy Spirit, Secane</p> 	<p>21 12:00 PM Half Century 6:30 PM Bible Study</p>	22	<p>23 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Ministry</p>
<p>24 <b>Order Flowers</b> 9:00 AM Education Hr</p>	<p>25 6:30 PM Bereavement Group 7:00PM Yoga</p>	26	<p>27 6:30 PM - Lenten Soup/Service St. Timothy, Aston</p> 	<p>28 6:30 PM Bible Study</p>	29	30
<p>31 <b>Order Flowers</b> 9:00 AM Education Hr</p>	<p>April 1 6:30 PM Bereavement Group 7:00PM Yoga</p>	April 2	<p>April 3 6:30 PM - Lenten Soup/Service St. John's, Folcroft</p> 	<p>April 4 6:30 PM Bible Study</p>	April 5	April 6

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## PASTOR'S PEN

**Cleansing the Temple.** John 2:13-19: There is a striking difference between the marriage in Cana and this story 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 rise 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, 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 all its uniqueness and multifaceted abilities. He has given us a soul that we might commune with him and be recipients of his love.

## CHURCH STAFF

- *Pastor,*  
*Rev. 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 Woodward*



Immanuel is combining Worship Services for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday with our neighboring members of the Interboro Ministerium.

Members are encouraged to attend

Ash Wednesday Services at

**Glenolden Congregational Church**

**115 S Scott Ave, Glenolden at 7:00PM.**

#### WORSHIP & MUSIC - LENTEN SOUP SUPPER SCHEDULE

This year Immanuel - Norwood; St. Matthew - Woodlyn; Holy Trinity - Wallingford; St. Timothy - Aston; Holy Spirit - Secane; and St. John - Folcroft will be working together. This year's theme is "Holden Evening Prayer".

**6:30 pm:** Soup Supper    **7:30 pm:** Worship

Offerings: Lutheran Refugee and Immigration



DATE	Location	Preaching
Mar. 13th	Immanuel, Norwood	Pr. Lee
Mar. 20th	Holy Spirit, Secane	Pr. King
Mar. 27th	St. Timothy, Aston	Pr. Peterson
Apr. 3rd	St. John's, Folcroft <b>Healing Service</b>	Pr. Bleam
Apr. 10th	Holy Trinity, Wallingford <b>Holy Communion</b>	Pr. Casey

WORSHIP & MUSIC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE - MARCH



	MAR. 3rd	MAR. 10TH	MAR. 17TH	MAR. 24TH	MAR. 31ST
ACOLYTE	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers
LITURGIST	D. Watts	J. Kintsche	S. Pottieger	K. McClellan	D. Watts
LECTOR	V. Slotterback	J. Crane	H. Eberle	D. McClellan	J. Kintsche
USHERS	H. Eberle A. Narcavage	J. Crane J. Warner	H. Eberle J. Warner	D. McClellan E. Narcavage	J. Crane J. Warner

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN  
HOSTS LENTEN SOUP SERVICE

ON

Wednesday March 13th

6:30 Soup

7:30 Service



There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the Church, asking for our faithful soup makers to once again step forward and help. Desserts are needed and help with setting up and cleaning up. Contract Frank Martinsen to help out and for more information. The Lenten Supper is a very nice time for fellowship with the other Lutheran Churches in the area and a worship service to follow at 7:30 PM.

Please try and attend.

## Message From Resource Committee

Immanuel is not just about worshipping on a Sunday morning. We are much more than that. We have programs at Immanuel. We reach out to the community. We open our doors to community groups.

Did you know that we have four NA groups who meet throughout the week. We have a Bereavement Group; Yoga; and a Cardio Exercise Group. We have opened our doors to a new group who train dogs. We have opened our doors to the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Prospect Park Cheer Leading Team. The Messenger Motorcycle Club who support MVP Recovery Center and Parents of Murdered Children, Delaware County Chapter also meet here. These are all ways that Immanuel has reached out to the Community.

We have many programs happening for church members: Thursday night bible study; Sunday Morning bible study; Sunday School, and Youth Group. We host a Vacation Bible School in the summer that is open to the community.

We initiated a Fundraising Committee in 2018 – that also reaches out and includes the community; such as the Spaghetti Dinner and the Pancake Breakfast.

We have supported Loaves and Fishes, Lutheran World Hunger and Disaster Relief!

Immanuel is so much more than worshipping on Sunday mornings, which is also a fulfilling experience.



In order to keep Immanuel worshipping on Sundays, reaching out the community, and continuing our programs, we passed a budget at our Annual Meeting to continue all these activities. The projected income however, will not meet the final expense budget; but, we are sure that we can make up that difference. Keeping in mind that our giving has increased and our 2019 deficit is less than last year. Let's keep this going!

For many years, Resource has run the "Insurance" and "Oil" campaign board to help make up that difference. We are so grateful for everyone that was able to help. In 2019 you will see that board disappear and a new one will appear to help decrease the deficit. There will be envelopes in the pews, marked "Erase the Deficit" which we ask you to put any extra money that you can give to Immanuel. **This would be in addition to your regular giving.** Maybe, you got a bonus? Maybe you hit the lottery? Maybe you can just spare some extra dollars at the end of the week or month? By using these envelopes, we can close the deficit and not dip into our investments. You will see updates on Erasing the Deficit with a new visual chart and updates in the newsletter.

Maybe, just maybe, we will be able to create even more programs and community activities in 2019.

Please don't forget the other ways to help Immanuel:

Simply Giving    Amazon Smile    Thrivent Choice    Acme/Shoprite/Giant gift cards

These are all ways to keep Immanuel moving forward to the future. We have faith that as a community of believers – we can do anything . Please keep Immanuel in your prayers for its growth and presence in the Norwood community.

Thank you, Your Resource Committee

#### ERASE THE DEFICIT

2019 DEFICIT:	\$9,626.83
INSURANCE SAVINGS	-\$1,500.00
DONATIONS RECEIVED:	-\$ 557.00
<b>DEFICIT BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$7,569.83</b>



## 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!

## IT'S TIME TO EAT AND HELP YOUR CHURCH TOO!

WE NEED TO GET EVERYONE ON BOARD! IT'S THAT EASY!

PLEASE BUY THE GIFT CARDS AND  
HELP OUT IMMANUEL!

**Church Spring Cleaning.** In consultation with Fred Warner, I have offered to coordinate “Dusting” sessions in the church. You may have noticed that the woodwork is getting quite dusty, and it is not part of our contract with the cleaners. I will be at the church on Tuesday afternoons, from 2:00 - 4:00 throughout from February 19 until Easter to clean the wood work in the church. If you can join me at that time, please do...if you want to help and the time is inconvenient, call/text/email me and I’ll let you know where to find the supplies. Joyce Morrison 610-506-5387 or [jemorrison28@gmail.com](mailto:jemorrison28@gmail.com). Thank you for helping with our spring cleaning!



**American Red Cross Blood Donation Drive** has been scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2018 from 2:00PM – 7:00 PM. The event will be held in the Social Room. All volunteers will be provided by the Red Cross. Parking meters on Winona Ave. will be covered and available. Please register online at: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Sponsor Code: Immanuel Lutheran or call them at 1-800-RED-CROS. There is always a desperate need for blood, so sign up early to get the best time for you! If you are able to give, please sign up to do so. ~ Contact Colleen Kelly with any questions.

**Reconciling In Christ (RIC):** At our recent Annual Meeting, the RIC committee presented a motion to the congregation for Immanuel to join the RIC Program. RIC is a cross denominational



program where ministry communities have made a public commitment to welcome, include and celebrate lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) people. By having made the motion Immanuel is affirming this welcome, and so we are applying to be accepted into the Reconciling in Christ partnership with Reconciling Works. There are now around 860 RIC Partners throughout the United States and Canada. When potential church members search for a welcoming church,

this program is reassurance that they are welcome, regardless of their sexual orientation. At the date of this printing, we have not been accepted yet, but once our application has been approved, we will celebrate this milestone and include the RIC membership on all our publications, website and Facebook.

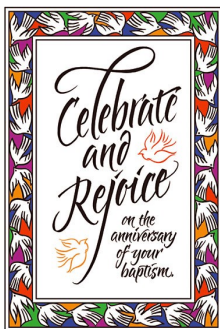
Questions? You may contact Joyce Morrison at 610-506-5387 or [jemorrison28@gmail.com](mailto:jemorrison28@gmail.com).



It is that time of year again for our annual **Easter Candy Sale and Irish Bread** sale.

Orders forms are on the table at the back of the church. These are also a great money maker for Immanuel. We thank Mary Lyn for taking over for Joanne in making these wonderful Irish delights.

Anyone wishing to volunteer in making these delicious candies please see one of the social ministry committee members. Valentine bingo was another success. This event offered multiple opportunities for entertainment and fun prizes. Join us next year if you missed it to see all the excitement. Thank you and have a Blessed Day. Social Ministry

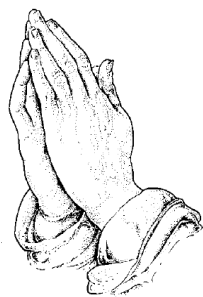


Our prayers include the following persons as they recall their **Baptism in March** and promises made to God and by God:

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| † Florence Grantland | † David Firkser    |
| † Ingeborg Grieb     | † Bennett Saunders |
| † Joan Paglia        | † Amy Graham       |
| † Stephan Firkser    | † David Luty       |
| † Ryan Firkser       | † Thomas Neher     |

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#### THE POWER OF PRAYER



- |                      |                       |                         |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| ♥ Judy Green         | ♥ Fran Fisher         | ♥ Connie Silpath        |
| ♥ Don McGrogan       | ♥ Janet Spence Miller | ♥ Gloria & Jim McMullan |
| ♥ Brian Hamilton     | ♥ Paul McCandless     | ♥ Chris Eckman & family |
| ♥ Jon Romanelli      | ♥ Grace Slotterback   | ♥ Earl                  |
| ♥ Edna May Potteiger | ♥ Denise Galezynski   | ♥ Willamema             |
| ♥ Karen Roher        | ♥ Judy Firkser        |                         |
| ♥ Roger Comer        | ♥ Bob MacDonald       |                         |
| ♥ Suzanne Decoumb    | ♥ Coleen Wagner       |                         |
| ♥ Deb Meara          | ♥ Naomi Morrison      |                         |

**LENTEN COIN CARD FOLDER**

Given out with this month's newsletter you will find the Lenten coin card folder and envelope. Please be faithful in your giving. The Lenten coin card folder may be returned anytime during Lent.



Your generosity and faithful giving is truly appreciated.

Every **Easter** flowers brighten the altar, contributing to our Easter celebration. This year we are ordering **Tulips and Daffodils!** The flowers are \$6.00 per plant. If you would like to place an order, please complete the holiday flower envelope found in the pews, enclose your money, and place in the offering plate **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>.**



**IMMANUEL WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

On February 10, 2019 Pastor Scott Lee welcomed to our Immanuel family three new members.

**Jason & Siobhan Delong**

**Deborah LeFlar**

We are delighted to have you here. As a group of God's people, we care about and your family and we're here not only to feed you spiritually, but to help in any way we can. We love doing it and it's why we exist.

*"And thus you shall greet him: 'Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have.'" 1 Samuel 25:6*



**CONGREGATION STATISTICS**

	Removed	Added	Avg. Weekly	Avg. YTD
<b>JAN.</b>	0	0	42	42

**RECYCLE 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.

**Sponsor Altar Flowers!**

Submit the form on back of this newsletter or 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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**LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES IN HONOR OF  
DICK REIMET**

Our late, beloved former Synod treasurer, Dick Reimet, started Lutheran Night at the Phillies decades ago, one of the – if not the – first such partnership between a religious organization and professional baseball. In Dick's memory, we're dedicating this year's event in thanksgiving for his long-time stewardship of this ministry and support of our Synod's youth programs. Save the date:



**Lutheran Night at the Phillies 2019**  
**Friday, June 7, at 7:05 pm**  
**Phillies vs. Cincinnati Reds**

Start planning now to attend! Watch the bulletins and future newsletters for more Immanuel Group attendance information and ticket pricing.

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The Rev. Scott R. Lee, Pastor

Church Office Hours

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

Address Change Service (ACS)  
Requested

TIME VALUE—DATED MATERIAL



**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