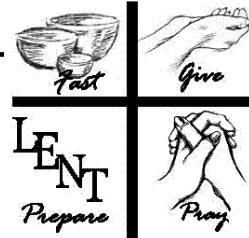


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SHARE IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

- SUNDAY SERVICE AT 11:00 AM
- CHOIR
- SUNDAY SCHOOL
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- BIBLE STUDY
- ADULT EDUCATION HOUR
- SOCIAL MINISTRY
- OUTREACH
- HALF CENTURY GROUP

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MARCH 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

**DUE TO COVID19, ALL IN CHURCH SERVICES & GROUP EVENTS
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

	1	2	3 7:00 PM - Virtual Lenten Service Holy Trinity, Wallingford	4 6:30 PM Virtual Bible Study	5	6
7 Order Flowers 11:00 AM Virtual Worship 12:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg Worship & Music Mtg.	8	9 6:00 PM Resource Mtg.	10 7:00 PM - Virtual Lenten Service St. Mark's, Clifton Hghts.	11 6:30 PM Virtual Bible Study	12	13 Set Clocks ahead before bed! 
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PASTOR'S PEN

I recently was reading a study entitled: Wired to connect: neuroscience, relationship and therapy by Fishbane. This sentence stood out to me. "the brain becomes literally constructed by interactions with others or neural machinery is, by evolution, designed to be altered by relationship experiences." I also want to point out that we are always in a relationship; you cannot not be a relationship.

As I read that sentence I immediately began to think about my relationships that are good, bad and ugly. There are parts of myself in which I want to change my relationship. There are also people and activities in which I find myself unsettled either during or after the interaction.

Something we may not think about is our relationship with the internet/ media. Let's say, for the sake of argument, 1 out of every 100 people is a raging jerk capable of ruining your day and causing you to lose faith in humanity. Twenty or thirty years ago, you would only be exposed to ten or twenty people each week, so you would go days without being exposed to a person who does not like themselves and wants you to feel the same way. You might even get lucky and spend an entire week without having to confront such a human being.



Now think, how many people are you exposed to on a daily basis on the internet? On social media? Or 24-hour news?

Easily hundreds. And if you're like me and waste half your waking hours on this digital mess, then you are likely exposed to thousands of people and viewpoints and behaviors every single day.

CHURCH STAFF

- *Pastor,*
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*
- *Frank Martinsen*
- *Alex Narcavage*
- *Janice Narcavage*
- *Fred Warner - President*
- *Don Watts*
- *Robin Woodrow - Vice President*

Now, suddenly, you're repeatedly and constantly exposed to humans who project their own self-hatred "out there" multiple times per day, if not dozens. It generates conflict online that then sucks in well-meaning people and causes them to say abominable things they wouldn't otherwise say. Soon, there is a false sense that hatred is omnipresent, incompetence is universal, bigotry is the rule and compassion the exception. Yet, in reality, nothing fundamental about human society has changed. Only our awareness of each other has.

By cutting out that 1% you save yourself from 74% of the toxic people. Toxic people have such an outsized influence on our perceptions of the world, something as simple as blocking or unfollowing 5-10% of the people you used to follow, and checking the news once a week instead of once a day, can be completely transformational for your day-to-day experience and general mood.

And once you do this, you start to remember something you have long forgotten: most people are good. You simply don't hear from them very often.

I refer to this as "The Silent Majority". Whether it's about news, politics, online business, scientific research or pop culture, there is often a "silent majority" of decent, relatively intelligent, well-meaning people lurking, waiting, feeling just as exasperated and freaked out as you are. And if we continue to forget that we are here, eventually we won't be.



Blessings, Pastor Lee

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & COUNCIL UPDATE

Please welcome our new council members elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Jan. 31st. They are:

Frank Martinsen Don Watts Alex Narcavage

The newly elected Executive Committee:

President - Fred Warner Vice President - Robin Woodrow
Treasurer - Jeanne Warner Secretary - Siobhan DeLong



Thank You to our outgoing Council Members for their commitment and years of service to the church and the congregation:

Jeanne Warner 2015 - 2021

Vickie Slotterback 2018 - 2021

Colleen Kelly 2018 - 2021

Tomas Graham 2018 - 2021

LENTEN VIRTUAL & DIAL IN LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Lenten Service Schedule: This year Immanuel - Norwood; St. Matthew - Woodlyn; Holy Trinity - Wallingford; St. Timothy - Aston; St. Mark – Clifton Heights, and St. John - Folcroft will be working together. This year’s theme is: **The Beatitudes “Pure heart, Mercy, Hunger, Mourn, & Peacemakers”**.

7:00 pm: Virtual Worship

For internet access information, please see “Zoom Lenten Services” under separate cover on our Immanuel website.

For those without internet access, dial in from your phone to join. Please mute your phone, use *6 to mute, then noises around you will not be heard by anyone else. Thank You

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 839 2591 2865 Passcode: 161513



DATE	Location	Preaching
Feb. 24th	St. Timothy, Aston	Pr. Lee – “Pure Heart”
Mar. 3rd	Holy Trinity, Wallingford	Pr. Sager – “Mercy”
Mar. 10th	St. Mark, Clifton Heights	Pr. Lee – “Hunger”
Mar. 17th	St. Mark, Clifton Heights	Pr. Casey – “Mourn”
Mar. 24th	Immanuel, Norwood	Pr. Ness – “Peacemakers”

Easter Flowers brighten the altar, contributing to our Easter celebration. This year we are ordering **Mums and Lilies!** Due to worship services going virtual once again, we will be taking orders either by mail or by dropping off orders during office hours. Please include **type of plant, number of plants, payment, and dedication** for the bulletin in your envelope. Orders are being taken beginning February 28th and the last day to order is Monday, March 22nd . The cost **per plant** is **\$7.00** each. For pick-up information after Easter, please contact the church office at 610.586.5860.





Happy St. Patrick's Day to All!



We are already in the third month of 2021 and the Lenten season by the time you receive this!! We all hope and pray that the COVID vaccine distribution has really expanded by now, and that more shots are getting into arms of those from Immanuel!

We all look forward to getting back to seeing each other in person in church again, once it is safe.

With March comes **St Patrick's Day!** With "Luck of the Irish" in mind, we have to say how lucky we are that many of you have been helping Immanuel with your generous support. Hopefully we will be lucky and March will bring a little warmer weather too.

We are also in the Lenten season, a time to reflect on the supreme sacrifice that Jesus made for us, going to the cross and giving up his life to save all of us. What a miraculous gift!

Your gifts to Immanuel (Time, Talents, and Treasures) enable our Church to fulfill our mission, even during these unique and challenging COVID times. We had seen that in January and February a bit of a drop in our regular offerings which is concerning, could be the nasty wintery weather, or perhaps some COVID impacts, but we hope and pray by the time this reaches you many will have "caught up". We ask all to prayerfully consider your support of Immanuel.

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



Once again, Thank you!

Sincerely, Your Resource Committee

Jeanne Warner & Karl McClellan (Co-chairs) + Carol Henderson, & Peg Martinsen.



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

Members are encouraged to attend via Zoom.
(Sign-on details will follow via bulletins and April Newsletter)

Maundy Thursday Services - Virtual
 Glenolden Congregational Church at 7:00PM

Good Friday Services - Virtual
 Prospect Hill Baptist Church at 7:00PM



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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!





Feeling Lonely?

The Outreach Committee has begun an effort to reach out to those in the congregation who may be alone or lonely during the COVID quarantine. We are sending notes or calling periodically, including offering to assist with tasks, as long as they can be accomplished following current COVID restrictions. If you or someone you know could use some cheerful contact or help with a task or errand, please let chair, Joyce Morrison, know by calling (610-506-5387) or by email (jemorrison28@gmail.com).

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. *John 16:33*

Youth Virtual Zoom Meetings! Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9:00am. We plan to meet for about 45 minutes to show and tell about the various crafts that they worked on from the games & activities bags dropped off at their residence. Parents are encouraged to join in by working with their children on the projects. If you wish to be a part of this group, and have children between 3 - 10 years, please contact Pastor Lee at Pastor.Immanuelnorwood@gmail.com. For internet access information, please see "Zoom Youth Activities Meeting" under separate cover on our Immanuel website.



For those without internet access, dial in from your phone to join.

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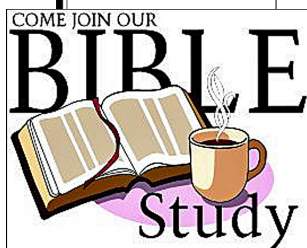
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Social Ministry hopes everyone is doing well! Please keep distancing and wearing your mask! We can't wait until things become some what normal so we can gather together again, so until then may God Bless you and keep you safe throughout these trying time.



American Red Cross Blood Donation Drive has been scheduled for **Monday, April 26, 2021** from 2:00PM – 7:00 PM. The event will be held in the Social Room. It's not too early to mark your calendar and get your appointment. Please register online at: redcrossblood.org. Sponsor Code: Immanuel Lutheran or call them at **1-800-733-2767**. If you need help please see Colleen Kelly. It takes about an hour from beginning to end and it is so important. Sign yourself up and encouraged friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to do the same. Only through volunteers donating can the Red Cross provide needed blood for emergencies, surgeries, cancer treatments, and more. It only takes an hour and can impact many lifetimes.

Immanuel Adult Bible Study via "ZOOM"



We have a weekly Bible Study on "ZOOM" at **7PM to 8PM on Thursday nights**. This way we can do it virtually and stay safe during the pandemic. We are using a "Life Guide" bible study format doing a series about the 23rd Psalm. All you need is your Bible and we'll provide the discussion questions when we "connect". You are welcome to join in "along the way"!

You will be able to log in via ZOOM or as long as you have a phone you can dial in as well. For internet access information, please see "Zoom Bible

Study" under separate cover on our Immanuel website.

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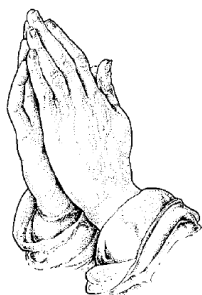


HOLY WEEK

DATE	Location	TIME
Mar. 28th	Palm Sunday	Virtual Worship ~ 11:00 AM <i>Via Facebook Live</i>
Apr. 1st	Maundy Thursday Glenolden Congregational	Virtual Worship ~ 7:00 PM <i>Via Zoom</i>
Apr. 2nd	Good Friday Prospect Hill Baptist Church	Virtual Worship ~ 7:00 PM <i>Via Zoom</i>
Apr. 4th	Easter Sunday	Virtual Worship ~ 11:00 AM <i>Via Facebook Live</i>

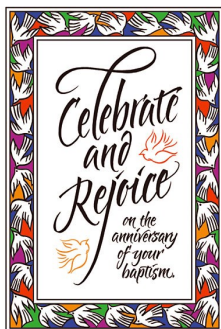
I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:10-11



THE POWER OF PRAYER

- ♥ All those affected by COVID19: patients, caregivers, and those who grieve.
- ♥ Leanne Crouthamel
- ♥ Margaret Swingle
- ♥ Bill Fisher
- ♥ Mary Cole
- ♥ Caroline Harlan
- ♥ Betty Wharton
- ♥ Frank Martinsen
- ♥ Tom DeSimone
- ♥ Baby Atkins
- ♥ Joe Kintsche
- ♥ Tiffany Carter
- ♥ Neher Family
- ♥ Judy Davidson



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

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Graduations? Anyone graduating from High School, College or Graduate School? Immanuel would like to know about it. Notify the church office at 610.586.5860 or email us at secretary.immanuel@verizon.net to send us the details.



CONGREGATION STATISTICS

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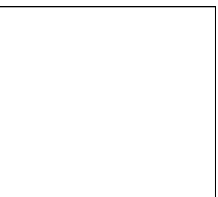
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The Rev. Scott R. Lee, Pastor

Church Office Hours

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

MARCH 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: \$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