

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SHARE IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

- SUNDAY SERVICES 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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May 9, 2021

ReconcilingWorks
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION



MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<h2>May 9th, 2021</h2>						
2 Pentecost Flowers 11:00 AM Virtual Worship 12:00 PM Worship & Music Mtg. Christian Ed Mtg.	3 6:30 PM Bereavement Group	4	5	6 7:00 PM Virtual Bible Study	7	8
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16 11:00 AM - Worship 12:00 PM Council Mtg.	17 6:30 PM Bereavement Group	18	19	20 7:00 PM Virtual Bible Study	21	22
23 9:00 AM Youth Outreach (Zoom) 11:00 AM Worship 	24 6:30 PM Bereavement Group	25	26	27 7:00 PM Virtual Bible Study	28	29
30 11:00 AM - Worship	31 Memorial Day 	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.				

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PASTOR'S PEN

I WANT to hear from YOU! As you read this article, we will have officially been dealing with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic for more than a year. It has disrupted our lives in many different ways: some constructive, some destructive.



In engineering, there's a thing called a "hydrostatic stress test," where they take pipes or fuel tanks or ship parts or whatever and they pump tons of water into them. The intense pressure from the water then exposes leaks and weaknesses in the structure, showing the engineers where the vulnerabilities are.

I believe that COVID-19 has been a kind of hydrostatic stress test for each place and each person around the world. Each system's weakness has been revealed. Countries overburdened with regulations have been punished for their overregulation. Countries that have a penchant for authoritarian and/or incompetent leaders have had those leaders exposed. And countries that have factious, distrustful cultures have paid the price for their factious, distrustful cultures.

This stress test has occurred within our individual lives, as well. Couples that had been burying their problems for years quickly had them exposed. Weak and opportunistic friendships got washed out. Fragile careers were broken. Miserable lifestyles replaced. Bad TV shows deleted.

But the stress test of hardship doesn't just expose weakness, it also reinforces strength. Good relationships become better. Important decisions get made. Priorities get straightened out.

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*

One of my priorities is how to maintain communication and how to stay connected over this past year. This past year has brought many different ideas of implementation to stay connected to you all. As I prayed and engaged in conversation, I had an epiphany! **A weekly email!** The idea could not be simpler; **Starting in June, I plan to write a weekly email consisting of a story of faith, a head's up for events in the week and some prayer concerns. I WANT YOU to send me (pastor.immanuelnorwood@gmail.com) your email address!** I will not be selling, giving away, or using your email for any other purpose besides my weekly email. Your email will be used by me only. Please join me as we share our stories of faith as well as to seek ways to stay connected with our larger community.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Lee



Immanuel is opening its doors once again for in person worship beginning May 9, 2021. We will still practice safe distancing and wearing of masks. For those who may still be uncomfortable in attending in person, we plan to continue our Facebook Live broadcast of the service. See reopening information on page 6 of this newsletter.

Staying in Touch - Some of our members still rely entirely on written communication from Immanuel, and cannot access our electronic worship opportunities. Some of the same members may have health reasons that will prevent them from returning to church once we do open. The Outreach Committee would like to mail out the bulletin and sermon notes after each week's service to anyone who relies only on printed communication from Immanuel. Is this you? Call the church office and let Vi know that you want to receive a weekly mailing. You can call and stop the mailings whenever you choose!



A Blessed Pentecost to All!

We are already in the fifth month of 2021 and will in all likelihood be well into May by the time you receive this!! We all hope and pray that the COVID vaccine distribution has continued to expand and more shots are getting into arms of those from Immanuel (and the Nation)! We all look forward to getting back to seeing each other in person in church again, once it is safe.

With May comes Pentecost which is celebrated 7 weeks after Easter, this year falling on May 23rd. Pentecost celebrates the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles in what seemed like tongues of fire causing them to speak in tongues. Every believer has received the Holy Spirit. If Jesus is the vine and we are the branches, then the Spirit is the sap equipping us for the Christian Life.

Your gifts to Immanuel (Time, Talents and Treasures) equip our Church to fulfill our mission much like sap brings life to a vine, yes even during these unique and challenging COVID times. We have seen variability in our regular offerings as 2021 is playing out, but thankfully as we moved through the Easter season we had an improvement and saw some more people “catching up” which really helped. We hope and pray by the time this reaches you that the trend continues. We ask all to prayerfully consider your support of Immanuel as we celebrate Pentecost!



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, following CDC guidelines and seeking a vaccine when it is your turn!) until it is safe to meet again in person.

Once again, Thank you!

Sincerely, Your Resource Committee

Jeanne Warner & Karl McClellan (Co-chairs) + Fran Fisher, & Peg Martinsen.



REOPENING INFORMATION

BEFORE worship Details

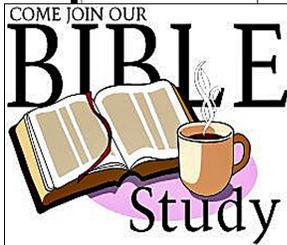
- To add to the prayer list, call the church office. The secretary will compile the list and leave it for use on Sunday.
- To add written announcements to the bulletin, contact the church office by end of day Monday for the following Sunday.
- Announcements will be made only by the Pastor. Provide your announcement (with full wording) to the church office. The secretary will provide a document with all announcements to the Pastor.

11:00 am LIVE and on-site WORSHIP DETAILS - INFO for attendance at the CHURCH

- **You MUST wear a mask. Please do not remove them while in the building.**
There will be supplies at church if you do not have one to bring.
- We may be testing temperatures on the way into the church.
- We will be taking attendance as you enter, so that contact tracing can be done if anyone gets sick.
- We will be asking you to sign a waiver acknowledging your risk of exposure to COVID 19.
- We will not have any cards, envelopes, pencils, papers, cushions or tissue boxes in the pews.
 - ◇ We will not use communion cards for the immediate future. If you are concerned about being on record for communion, call the church office during the week and Vi will record your communion.
 - ◇ Any cushions that are currently on a pew will be relocated to the shelf above the coat rack. Collect your cushion to use during worship and return it at the close of worship.
 - ◇ Tissue boxes will also be placed on the coat rack shelf. Collect yours as necessary.
- We will have volunteers at the Chester Pike entrance to screen and take attendance. We will not be leaving the handicapped entry unlocked...but if you need to enter there, please have someone in your party let the greeters know at the Chester Pike entry. They will meet you to admit you at the Winona entrance.
- **Please bring hand sanitizer with you.**
- After the service everyone will be expected to leave immediately. Any socialization will need to take place out of doors, maintaining physical distancing.



Immanuel Adult Bible Study via "ZOOM"



We are continuing 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 using a "Life Guide" bible study format doing a series about **The Lord's Prayer**. 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. If you missed the first week(s) no worries, 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 on the Church Calendar page.

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

Dial In Number:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 844 6612 9933 Passcode: 455 400

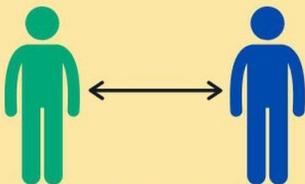
COVID-19 IS NOT OVER



Wash your hands



Wear a face mask



Social distance



Clean often



Please pick up your "Fellowship Cup", an all-in-one wafer and juice set (the bread and wine) when **entering** the sanctuary before worship.



Social Ministry Committee

Social Ministry wishes all the women a Very Happy Mother's Day. Carnations will be distributed during church however, there will be not treat after service due to COVID. We hope everyone is healthy, happy and enjoying this beautiful spring weather. Happy Mother's Day! Blessings to you all!

Little Free Pantry

Our Pantry is installed and stocked! Thank you to our member volunteers! Siobhan and Jason DeLong and Siobhan's father, Jack Gallagher constructed the box. Piee and Bill Fagan along with Joyce Morrison painted the box. On Saturday, April 10, a group of members installed the box along the walkway to Chester Pike. Installation was planned and guided by Fred Warner, with the willing hands of Frank Martinsen, Bill and Piee Fagan, Colleen Kelly, and Joyce Morrison.



The guidelines are for anyone to “take what you need and leave what you can”. The Outreach Committee welcomes members and our neighbors to use the box. We have decided to place only cans or jars in the pantry until we evaluate how weather and/or wildlife might affect the box. If you want to add items to the box, and find that it is too full, items can be dropped off at the church Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 1:00. Ring the doorbell and let Vi Mayberry (secretary) know that you want to drop off pantry items. She will buzz the door open, and you can place items just inside the door to the left. A member of the committee will store them in the food closet. If those times are not convenient, call or text Joyce Morrison 610-506-5387. Arrangements will be made to meet you at the church. Other questions – call Joyce.



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**PLEASE BUY THE GIFT CARDS AND
HELP OUT IMMANUEL!**



Order Your Geraniums for Pentecost! We will be ordering Geraniums to adorn our Altar area on Pentecost Sunday. If you would like to place a plant (s) in the Sanctuary, we will be taking orders either by mail or by dropping off orders during office hours beginning **Sunday April 18th through Sunday, May 9th**. Please include **number of plants, payment, and dedication** for the bulletin in your envelope. **The price per plant this year will be \$4.00.**



THE POWER OF PRAYER

- ♥ All those affected by COVID19: patients, caregivers, and those who grieve.
- ♥ Margaret Swingle
- ♥ Neher Family
- ♥ Leanne Crouthamel
- ♥ Bill Fisher
- ♥ Joan Leake
- ♥ Mary Cole
- ♥ Carol Hendrickson
- ♥ Caroline Harlan
- ♥ Ginny Comer
- ♥ Betty Wharton
- ♥ Sandra Kesslet
- ♥ Baby Atkins
- ♥ Art McClellan

IMMANUEL CELEBRATES BAPTISMS



April 18, 2021

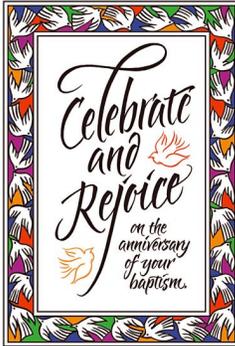
We celebrated the baptism of
Margaret AnneMarie Cristinzio
 Daughter of Mikael & Rachael Cristinzio
 Sponsors, Marcus Stachowicz, Jr. & Cheryl Lynn Beck

We rejoice with the grandparents, parents, family & friends in this joyous celebration!



MARCH CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
March	0	0	0	0



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

Carly Daly	Joseph Hager, Jr	Susan Stevenson
Jason DeLong	Lauren Hanly	Paul Warner
Brianna DeLong	Keira Lee	Betty Wharton
Lily Eiserman	Julia Lee	Diane Weatherill
Carolyn Campbell	Dolores Luty	Faith White
Richard Guzik	Vincent Milbert	Robin Woodrow
David Guzik		



Love, Life, and Liberty May 6, 2021 via Zoom

For more information visit
www.NationalDayOfPrayerDelco.com

The Holy Spirit, in fulfilling prophecies of both Jesus and John the Baptist, descended in a unique way upon all the believers, giving them power for service; the outpouring of the Holy Spirit began the church age; the disciples were both baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit; the sign of speaking in unknown languages was given to the disciples as evidence of the arrival of the Holy Spirit; and finally, on this birthday of the church when the Holy Spirit descended upon all the believers, Peter preached the first sermon of the church age and three thousand people were converted.

Acts 2:1-4

Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

2021



Pentecost

May 23, 2021

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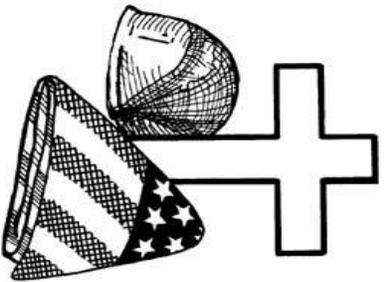
The Rev. Scott R. Lee, Pastor

Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

MAY 2021

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REMEMBER OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS
THIS MEMORIAL DAY



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