

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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Reconciling in Christ
Congregation



APRIL 2024

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Growing season is upon us. Can you help to keep the church grounds mowed & trimmed? For more details about what is involved, and how you might be able to help, please see Fred Warner, Chairperson for the Property Committee.</p>						
						
	1 Easter Holiday Church Office Closed	2	3	4	5	6
		Pastor Vacation			Pastor Vacation	
7 12:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg Worship & Music Mtg.	8	9 5:30 PM Resource Mtg	10	11 7:00 PM Bible Study Zoom	12	13
Pastor Vacation						
14 12:15 PM Living the Mission	15	16	17 12:00 PM Half Century Lunch	18 7:00 PM Bible Study Zoom	19	20 1:00 PM Healing Service 
21 12:00 PM Council Mtg. 	22	23	24	25 7:00 PM Bible Study Zoom	26	27 8:30 AM Cars, Coffee & Christ St. Matthew
28	29	30	<p>The Calendar reflects "Church" events only. For information in regard to "Use of Building" by outside groups, please contact Vi Mayberry or Fred Warner.</p>			

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PASTOR'S PEN

Christ's death and resurrection are at the heart of our faith. Together they proclaim God's fierce and abiding love for us and all of creation. Human words can only point to this beautiful mystery of God's wondrous love. Let us contemplate our spiritual journey as we transition from Lent to Easter. Here are two of my favorite sonnets by Malcolm Guite, a contemporary British poet.

Crucifixion.

See, as they strip the robe from off his back
 And spread his arms and nail them to the cross,
 The dark nails pierce him and the sky turn black,
 And love is firmly fashioned onto loss.
 But here a pure change happens. On this tree
 Loss becomes gain, death opens into birth.
 Here wounding heals fastening makes free
 Earth breathes in heaven, heaven roots in earth.
 And here we see the length, the breadth, the height
 Where love and hatred meet and love stays true
 Where sin meets grace and darkness turns to light
 We see what love can bear and be and do.
 And here our savior calls us to his side
 His love is free, his arms are open wide.

Easter Dawn

He blesses every love that weeps and grieves
 And now he blesses hers who stood and wept
 And would not be consoled, or leave her love's
 Last touching place, but watched as low light crept
 Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs



CHURCH STAFF

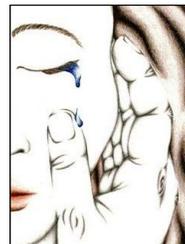
- *Pastor,*
Rev. Scott R. Lee
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- *Director of Music,*
Kathleen Schneider

CHURCH COUNCIL

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A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.
 She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,
 Or recognize the Gardener standing there.
 She hardly hears his gentle question "Why,
 Why are you weeping?, or sees the play of light
 That brightens as she chokes out her reply,
 They took my love away, my day is night.'
 And then she hears her name, she hears Love say,
 The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.



Many blessings as we journey in the resurrection.
 Pastor Lee

Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group in April! Pack a lunch and join us on the 3rd Wednesday of April, the 17th, at noon for good company, conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



You may remember when I first arrived that I talked about living the mission. Early on we had "**Living the Mission Sunday**", which was an opportunity to lift up the various ministries that happen here at Immanuel. This would be an opportunity for members to explore the different committees and their activities. The goal is to increase our awareness of the ministry possibilities.

During Living the Mission Sunday, members of each committee have a little presentation to highlight the committee activities throughout the year. It is also a time for food and fellowship. There will be light snacks to eat as you talk to different members about their involvement in the life of Immanuel. This is also an excellent time for our new comers to get to know us better. Please join us in the hospitality room after worship on **Sunday, April 14th**. We hope to see you there!

Immanuel's 135th Memory Cross Project Extended. Still Time to Get Your Sticks in!

The spirit of God has been flowing through Immanuel Lutheran Church for 135 years and with that passage of time many, many wonderful memories, blessings and milestones have been created! We are doing something as part of our 135th celebration to capture your memories in a lasting way. We are going to build a Memory cross! It will be made up of multicolor craft sticks on which members have written their family names, memories, milestones, activities, events, blessings, etc. It will look something like this:



We started this at the 135th anniversary luncheon. We will continue to collect your “sticks” until **Ascension Day, May 9th**. We will then build our cross. On the Hospitality table a basket of 6” multicolor craft sticks and a “Sharpie”. Please take a few minutes on Sunday to write down your own special memories. Look for the basket where we will be collecting the craft sticks. We are also having our Eucharistic Ministers take a kit to our shut-ins so they can participate too! Later we will assemble our Memory Cross.

Let us know if you have any questions about this.

Thank you! Karl McClellan on behalf of the 135th Anniversary Committee

“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. *James 5:13*”

Immanuel's Weekly Virtual Bible Study is Back after Lent on April 11th at 7PM

Our “**ZOOM**” Bible study on **Thursday** evenings resumes after a brief break since Holy week. On April 11th we will be starting a new book! This provides **one of two** Bible study options at Immanuel with the other being **In Person** on Sunday mornings at 10AM. You are



welcome to join either or both as we cover different topics. The Thursday night Virtual Bible study uses selections from the “Life Guide” bible study series. All you need is your Bible and we’ll provide the discussion questions when we “connect”. Sessions are led by Karl McClellan and Fred Warner. The sessions are fun, educational and thought provoking! They provide a great way to learn more about the Bible while sharing **how Jesus shows up in our lives today!** Please join

us if you can! Just go to our web site, www.immanuelnorwood.org, and click on the “Church Calendar” tab then scroll to the **ZOOM LINK FOR THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**. There are instructions there for how to use the “Dial In” option as well!

Spring has Sprung! The Miracle of New Growth is Here!



Spring is here! Things will be blooming! Take time to enjoy the miracle of rebirth that comes every Spring! It is the time to reflect on the Glory of Easter Morning's Resurrection which we just celebrated! The generosity which the Father showed in giving up his Son for us, dying on the cross but then to be raised from the dead, is the ultimate miracle! Let us continue in 2024 to show our generosity through what we give of our **Time, Talents and Treasure** to allow Immanuel's Mission to continue!

Last month we were blessed with a generous gift toward our PPP loan repayment contributing enough to pay down **3+ months' worth of the loan!** Thank you!!! Are there others who would like make a special donation to help us pay off this loan sooner? Our regular monthly payment is \$296.32 so every \$300.00 knocks another month off the loan.

Another blessing of spring's warmer weather is we start to wrap up running our heating system (YEAH!!). But please remember we are on an 11 month budget with our supplier so those heating oil bill keep coming (current budget is over \$1400./month). You will still see our Mascot, **SUPER MEER** at the BRIGHT GREEN poster in the Hospitality area, with his "OIL envelopes" to contribute a little extra, if you can.



What Else Can You Do?

- ◆ Support all of our fund raisers especially the ongoing *Food Gift Coupons!*

Make Giving Easy and Automatic. Here are **two ways** you can do that:

1. **Your Bank** - You can set up a monthly cashier's check to be drawn on one of your accounts and mailed to the church. This is a recurring process so you don't have to worry about it! For example Wells Fargo **will help you set this up at no cost to you!** Contact your bank and they can help you set it up.
2. **Tithely** - Consider using the safe, secure, easy virtual method with the QR code with your smart phone. There are also buttons on our website and Facebook pages. Tithely can also set up a recurring, automatic monthly donation using one of your credit cards. There is a nominal fee with this.



"Thank you" to all of you who give of your Time, Talents and Treasures!

Sincerely, Your Resource Committee
Jeanne Warner & Karl McClellan (Co-chairs), & Sandy Hendrick.

Tell Us Your Story!



It's story time for Immanuel members! God works in our lives and our Immanuel family in many ways. Sometimes with big events or gestures, but more often in quiet ways to support our daily lives. Let's share the stories of how God has made themselves known in our lives. Stories can be shared in many ways: by video on Facebook; in writing (Outreach Committee will publish in the newsletter); speaking to the congregation at a worship service (see Pastor) or by just talking to one of the Outreach Committee members (we'll write it up for you.) Questions? Contact Pastor Lee or any Outreach Committee member (Jean Crane, Margaret (Piee) Fagan, Colleen Kelly, or Karl McClellan.) Thanks in advance for your memories and experiences.

Visit our website: www.immanuelnorwood.org

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Church Office hours 9am-1pm

Answering machine: 610-586-5860



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 **April 14th through Sunday, May 5th.** Please use the envelope provided by the Altar Guild members for the completion of your order and include the **number of plants, payment, and dedication** for the bulletin in your envelope. **The price per plant this year will be \$4.00.**



Pantry Donations for our Neighbors

The Little Free Pantry is always active. We have neighbors of the church stop by frequently to pick up non-perishable food or to add to the donations in the Pantry. To celebrate the resurrection, please bring a food donation with you when you come to worship! Protein items (cans or pouches of meat or fish; peanut butter, boxes of mac and cheese) are really important. We have quite a few cans of vegetables thanks to the Harris School food drive. Thanks again for your support.



“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

~ Matthew 25:40

Cars, Coffee and Christ is back for 2024!

In 2022, we started this Outreach event by teaming up Immanuel, Norwood with St

CARS, COFFEE & CHRIST

HOSTS: Immanuel, Norwood and St. Matthew, Woodlyn
Lutheran Churches in St. Matthew's Parking Lot



SATURDAY from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
April 27th

BRING SOMETHING TO SHOW, OR JUST COME FOR THE COFFEE!

GPS: 160 Fairview Road, Woodlyn, Pa. 19094

For more information - Karl McClellan
krmcfamily@aol.com
610-761-4804



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Matthew, Woodlyn. It is a monthly gathering for “Cars, Coffee & Christ” that gives us a chance for fellowship, sharing stories, raising prayer concerns, enjoying snacks and giving back to the community. We aim for once a month from April through the Fall (weather permitting) in St Matthew’s parking lot. We are planning our first for 2024 on **Saturday April 27th** from 8:30 to 10:30 am. We hope you might come out and join us!! Please see Karl McClellan

Children of Immanuel are active in our Congregation!

At Sunday School they made personal care packages to put in our Little Free Pantry.



Sunday School is at 10:00 am – all children are welcome as soon as they are toilet trained!



During worship, children (and adults) are invited to play percussion instruments during hymns.





Altar Flowers

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 \$30.

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Please contact Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus to purchase gift cards either at church on Sunday, or by calling her at 610-888-2579. Cash or checks are welcome!

Support our Synod's youth programs. Save the date:



Lutheran Night at the Phillies 2024

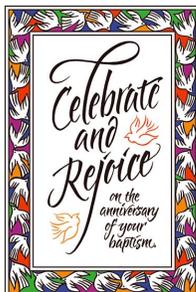
Friday, May 31st, at 6:40 PM

Phillies vs. Cardinals

Start gathering your group now! We're aiming for 500 or more tickets across the synod so that the bishop will be able to throw out the first ball. To count, tickets must be purchased through the link below.

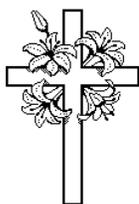
<https://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/lutheran>

To order your tickets, click on the "Buy Now" button below and enter the password: **LUTHERAN**. For questions, or for groups of 25 or more, please contact Shannon Profy in the Group Sales Office at 215-463-5000, ext. 5465 All groups of 25 or more will be welcomed on the Phillies side auxiliary message boards at the top of the 5th inning.



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

Benjamin Graham	Susan Hornberger	Steven Russell
Matthew Graham	Debra Rodgers	Colleen Strahlau



IN REMEMBRANCE

Lois Farrell - February 22, 2023

Lois' Celebration of Life was held on February 29th, 2024 at Griffith Funeral Chapel led by Pastor Lee. Her interment was private.

¹ Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ~ John 14:1-2

THE POWER OF PRAYER

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| ♥ Barb Calciano | ♥ Baby Wynona | ♥ People battling cancer & their families. |
| ♥ Pat Bonner | ♥ Lewis Onimus | ♥ Peace around the world. |
| ♥ Marie Parnell | ♥ Marcos Waserstrom | |
| ♥ Art Hunter | ♥ Steve King | |
| ♥ Cheryl Woodrow | ♥ Friends & Family of Lois Farrell | |
| ♥ Bob Moore | | |
| ♥ Fred Dormann | | |
| ♥ Dave Maiden | | |



CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Removed	Added	Avg. Weekly	Avg. YTD
FEB.	1	0	42	35

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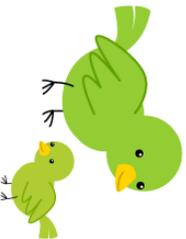
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Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



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RECONCILING in CHRIST
Congregation

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

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