

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

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As a **Reconciling in Christ congregation**, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood, commits to celebrating the love of God with ALL people as we are all made in God's image. Whatever your abilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, race, culture, faith tradition or economic circumstance; whatever your past or present – you are welcome to share in God's love and our community.

## Vacation Bible School is Coming Quickly!



You can be a part of the excitement! On **Sunday Aug 11th** you can meet **Lumi our Camp Firelight Firefly** during Service. Don't miss it! You can also be a part of VBS by bringing in **non-perishables on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**. The kids will also be bringing in non-perishables for our Little Pantry during VBS week. You can also pray for decent weather.

**Camp Firelight - A Summer Camp Adventure with God** will be happening August 12 – 16; 9:00 – 11:30. Campers learn ways to connect with and put their trust in God whenever they are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work in the world. Children will learn Bible stories, sing and dance, make amazing crafts, play games and have a daily snack. All children 3 years (toilet trained) through those who finished 4<sup>th</sup> grade are included. Go to [immanuelnorwood.org/church-calendar](http://immanuelnorwood.org/church-calendar) for more info and registration.



**Help clean the church for VBS!** Saturday, **August 10<sup>th</sup>** starting at 9:00AM.



## Help the Summer Slump!



Along with summer time there is a trend seen by virtually all churches, the dreaded “**Summer Slump**”! As schools are out and most people’s thoughts turn toward vacation time, traveling, seeing new sights and getting refreshed, unfortunately in some cases their giving to the church also takes a “vacation”, hence the term “Summer Slump” as it relates to giving. And since (also unfortunately) our bills just keep on coming, this can drive us into the red. We are starting to see this and would ask for you to help us “**Stop the Summer Slump**”! After all, God’s amazing generosity never takes time off. Thankfully for all of us!!

### So What Can You Do?

- Do your best to give regularly and if you do miss a week, please try and make it up.
- Support 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.



**Our Roof Repair Campaign is underway with material being placed on order by our Contractor for the Slate repairs.**



We have slate pieces from our roof falling! The Property Committee investigated with a slate roof specialist, who inspected our roofs. The repairs of the slate, plus 2 other items needing attention (Gutter repairs and Flat Roof maintenance), will cost about **\$5,350**. We are focusing on the **slate repairs first** which will cost about \$3600. Our Roof Repair campaign has raised over \$1,700. so far! Our sincere Thanks to those who have already given. Please support this effort as we work together to care for our Lord’s house.

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

Sincerely, Your Resource Committee: Jeanne Warner, Karl McClellan & Sandy Hendrick

### Immanuel's Weekly Virtual Bible Study Returns in September!

Our **"ZOOM" Bible study** that is normally on **Thursday** evenings at 7:00PM for one hour, will be back in September after Labor Day (the exact date T.B.D. and will be announced in the September newsletter). As you may know our **Thursday** night **Virtual Bible study** has used 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. We will be picking our next book over the summer.



As you may have seen Immanuel has a **NEW On Line system** available called **"Right Now Media"**. We are looking at that to see if our next series may come from that, more on that soon!! If you have a suggestion for a topic please let us know! 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 after Labor Day!! Have a Blessed Summer!!

### Norwood Community Day, Saturday, September 14th

Immanuel will participate in the Community Day from 10:00 – 2:00. The Outreach Committee is **looking for volunteers** to assist us in interacting with the families that attend, including engaging children in some fun games and providing prizes. We will have shade for our table – either tree or canopy! It's fun, come join us! Contact Joyce Morrison if you would like to help ([jemorrison28@gmail.com](mailto:jemorrison28@gmail.com) OR 610-506-5387.)



**Plan to join us on Sunday, September 8th for worship and a picnic lunch on the church lawn.** Look for details in the bulletin and/or the September newsletter. Immanuel will provide the fried chicken and the rest of us will bring dishes to share. Please sign up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room so we can plan enough food. Property committee will need assistance to transport tables, chairs and other equipment. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll meet in the church basement.

## Do Your Grocery Shopping With Us!!

YOU CAN SUPPORT IMMANUEL BY PURCHASING GIFT CARDS FOR ACME AND SHOPRITE!

FOR EVERY GIFT CARD WE SELL, WE GET 5% AS A DONATION TO IMMANUEL! IT REALLY ADDS UP!!



PLEASE SEE OR CONTACT Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus TO PURCHASE GIFT CARDS. *(Cash or checks are welcome!)*

### The Third Cars, Coffee and Christ Event in 2024!

This Outreach event is a team effort with Immanuel, Norwood and St Matthew, Woodlyn. It is a 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. Our last event was on June 8<sup>th</sup> and it was the best one yet with 20+ cars, 40+ people and 6 prayer requests! We are planning our next event to be after Labor Day (weather permitting) in St Matthew’s parking lot with the exact date still being decided as of this writing. Please check our web sites and bulletins for updates. On the given Saturday, it will be from 8:30 to 10:30 am. We are planning to add a feature for children called “Touch a Truck”, an idea from

one of the other 2 Lutheran churches we are collaborating with. (Might be a Fire Truck!!). We hope you might come out and join us!! See Karl McClellan ([krmcfamily@aol.com](mailto:krmcfamily@aol.com)) with any suggestions/questions you may have.

Be a part of the VBS food drive by bringing in **non-perishables for the Little Food Pantry on Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>!**





## Immanuel 4th July 2024



**Immanuel's Parts in Norwood's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade 2024** - On Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> members of Immanuel participated in the Norwood July 4<sup>th</sup> parade by either marching in the parade or staffing our table that provided water at the church along Winona Ave. These activities help to get the word out about our church and especially our upcoming Vacation Bible School. **A sincere Thanks to everyone** who participated in the parade, helped make the banners, handed out information, and staffed our table at the church.



**Below:** Those who marched pictured from left to right, back row: Colleen Kelly, Marion Tomosky, Jeanne Warner, Amy Graham, Darlene McClellan, Lucas Enriquez, Tom Fillmore, Pastor Lee, Ben and Matt Graham, Vicki Slotterback, Patrick Stewart, Alejandro, Elena and Kim Enriquez, & Karl McClellan. Front row: Keira & Julia & Lee.

**Above:** Those who helped with the table pictured from left to right were: Jean Crane, Donnie Watts, Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus, Joyce Morrison & Fred Warner (not in photo) to name a few.



It was a blessing to be out there again in the community and part of Norwood's 112<sup>th</sup> July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration!!! Think about joining in for next year if you can!! We'd love to have you!!





THE POWER OF PRAYER

- ♥ Amy Williams
- ♥ Eleanor Kephart
- ♥ Barb Calciano
- ♥ Pat Bommer
- ♥ Marie Parnell
- ♥ Art Hunter
- ♥ Cheryl Woodrow
- ♥ Fred Dormann
- ♥ Steve King
- ♥ Ulrich
- ♥ Joan Truman
- ♥ Don Watts
- ♥ Steve
- ♥ Susan Hornberger
- ♥ Jane McGuire
- ♥ Family & Friends in the passing of Bob Moore.
- ♥ End gun violence.
- ♥ People battling cancer & their families.
- ♥ Peace around the world.

JUNE CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
June	0	0	26	36



SUMMER HOMEBOUND MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 16TH - AMY WILLIAMS

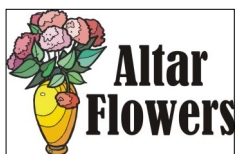
AUGUST 28TH - MARIE PARNELL



Remembering our Baptisms

August

- Ava Firkser
- Emily Firkser
- Colleen Kelly
- Peg Martinsen
- Taylor Neher
- June Firkser







**Reminder When Sponsoring Altar Flowers!** Please **contact 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.

# LOOKING AHEAD AUG 2024

Sunday Worship - 11:00AM



**SUPPORT OUR ROOF REPAIR  
FUNDING DRIVE**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Church Picnic September 8th - WATCH Bulletins & September Newsletter For Details.				1	2	3
4 Install VBS Teachers	5	6	7	8	9	10 Clean Church
11 Outreach Mtg. Food Drive	12 	13 VBS 12th-16th — “Camp Firelight” Resource	14 Pastor Vacation	15 Pastor Vacation	16  Pastor Vacation	17
18 Pastor Vacation <b>Council</b> Food Drive	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 	29 Hymn Sing	30 Sunday	31 September 1

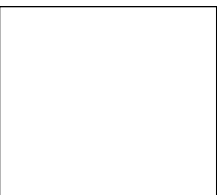
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Church Office Hours

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

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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