

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS



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SHARE IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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




Oh Holy Night



DECEMBER 2022



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 the church office, or contact Vi Mayberry or Fred Warner.</p>				<p>1 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom) 6:00 PM Bazaar Setup</p>	<p>2 6:00 PM Bazaar Setup</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Christmas Bazaar</p>
<p>4 Advent 2 Poinsettia Sale 10:00 AM Education Hour 12:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg.</p>	5	<p>6 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	7	<p>8 6:00 PM SM Spray Making</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>9 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	10
<p>11 Advent 3 Spray Pick-up 10:00 AM Education Hour 12:00 PM Outreach Mtg.</p>	12	<p>13 5:30 PM Resource Mtg. 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>14 7:00 PM Ministerium “Blue Christmas Service” @ Immanuel.</p>	15	<p>16 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	17
<p>18 Advent 4 Cantata 10:00 AM Education Hour 12:00 PM Council Mtg.</p>	19	<p>20 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	21	22	23	<p>24 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</p> 
<p>25 Christmas Day No in-church service. Steam Synod “Service of the Word” available.</p> 	26	27	28	29	30	<p>31 New Years Eve</p> 
OFFICE CLOSED						
<p>January 1 New Year’s Day Lessons & Carols 10:00 AM Education Hour 12:00 PM Christian Ed Mt.</p>	<p>January 2 OFFICE CLOSED</p>			<p>The LAST DAY for 2022 contributions will be January 1st, 2023.</p>		

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PASTOR'S PEN

On Sunday, October 30th, we began a three-week program called *Graced by the Fruits of Our Labor*. Our theme verse is from Ephesians 6:7: "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you are serving the Lord, not men." We serve wholeheartedly when we give wholeheartedly in service to the Lord. In our resolve to serve wholeheartedly in Christ's name, we put our faith and trust in the Lord into action.

God has created, forgiven, and redeemed us, his instruments of love and compassion in the world. God blesses us so we can serve him by serving others. He honors us with the privilege of being the channels through which he works. We are blessed to be a blessing. God wants us to be his channels to live in total devotion to him, and to be his faithful stewards. He empowers us to do the "good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 3:20). The same strength that was available to Paul is available to us. As the Apostle Paul wrote the people in Philippi, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13). Through the reading of his Word and participation in the Sacraments, we are strengthened and equipped so that we can fulfill his purpose for our lives.

We have many opportunities to serve and join in fellow ship this Advent and Christmas season. I hope to see you around!

Peace and Blessings, Pastor



CHURCH STAFF

- *Pastor*
The Rev. Scott R. Lee
- *Secretary*
Vi Mayberry
- *Director of Music*
Kathleen Schneider

CHURCH COUNCIL

- Jean Crane
- Jason DeLong
- Siobhan Delong
- Fran Fisher
- Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus
- Joe Kintsche -
Vice President
- Karl McClellan
- Joyce Morrison - **Secretary**
- Fred Warner
- Don Watts
- Robin Woodrow - **President**



DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH US!!

WE SELL ACME/SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS! FOR EVERY GIFT CARD WE SELL, AND YOU USE, WE GET 5%!! See Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus for additional information and the purchase of gift cards. Cash or checks are welcome!



LAST CHANCE~RAISERIGHT/SCRIPT GIFT CARDS ~ Immanuel is selling gift cards for just about every store you may want. Immanuel will get a percentage back from sales. Forms are available on the table in the hospitality area or call the office and we will email you the form. Fill out form, make out your check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and hand in to Jeanne Warner or the office.

Last Date that orders will be sent in for purchase

will be Dec 4. Please allow 2 weeks to receive the gift cards. Don't see a store you need, you can go on-line at www.raiseright.com and see if it is available and add to your list or ask Jeanne W. and she will check.



RaiseRight



COME TO IMMANUEL LUTHERAN'S
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, December 3rd
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Santa ~ Bake Sale ~ Cookie Walk ~ Soup Sale ~
Craft Sale ~ Lunch ~ Katie's Attic

We are ordering **Poinsettia Plants** to adorn our Altar area at Christmas. If you would like to place a plant (s) in the Sanctuary, please see one of the Altar Guild members following Sunday service **through Sunday, December 4th**. The cost per Poinsettia plant is **\$8.00** each. Please use the envelope provided by the Altar Guild members for the completion of your order



HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



- Ministerium Blue Christmas Service -

Hosted by Immanuel - Wed., December 14th - 7:00 PM

- Christmas Cantata -

Sunday, December 18th - 11:00 AM

- Candlelight Service -

Sat., Dec 24th Christmas Eve - 9:00 PM

- Synod Christmas Day Worship -

Stream at home Christmas Day

- Lessons & Carols -

Sunday, January 1st - 11:00AM



Thank you Members! Our annual stewardship theme for this year was *Graced by the Fruits of our Labor* which provided a special time of growth for us as Christian stewards. As we heard and studied God's Word in worship, we grew in faith and spiritual maturity. It was a time to be reminded of the grace of God extended to us through his Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, and to have the opportunity to respond to that grace through the faithful and generous giving of our time, talents, and money. Thank you for your commitment to your faith and your generosity to our church in this community.



For those who have not provided a written commitment yet for 2023, copies of the form are available on the table in the hospitality area along with small envelopes. Place your commitment form in the small envelope and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the council members. The financial portion will be provided to the treasurer and will be kept confidential.

The Greatest Gift Ever Arrived This Month!

By the time you read this we will be in December with Christmas just around the corner! It is the perfect time to reflect on the greatest gift from our heavenly Father, the birth of His Son Jesus Christ who ultimately gives us Eternal Life!

Our sincere “Thanks” to the Outreach committee for heading up the Stewardship Drive in November to help us with our challenging financial situation. We strongly believe that our congregation will come through as they have in the past! The chance to complete a commitment card is a privilege to give your response to the generosity of our Heavenly Father.



Below you will find a number of added ways that **YOU** can help and support your church’s mission.

Christmas Bazaar ~ Social ministry will do an amazing job with our annual Christmas bazaar. Look for how you can help and be ready to come and shop generously! Thank you Janice for your leadership of this!!

New Fund Raising Program ~ RaiseRite ~ the Christmas Gift Card Sale Continues! Look for more details in this newsletter and our bulletins on this exciting new opportunity to make your Christmas shopping easier and benefit your church! Thank you Jeanne for leading this!

Pampered Chef ~ By the time you read this this new fund raiser will have concluded but a huge Thank you to Colleen and Vicki for leading this!!

Immanuel’s Heating Oil Special Giving Campaign ~ Our “Ant and the Grasshopper” program keeps it going through the winter. Our sincere Thanks to those who are using the “OIL” envelopes found in the Hospitality area at the BIG BRIGHT GREEN poster on an easel. We ask you to prayerfully consider what *extra* can you give to help?

Virtual Giving Options Make Donations Easy ~ If you’d like to give virtually, you can use the QR code below with your smart phone. There are also buttons on our website and Facebook pages for making a donation. It is Safe, Secure and Easy!



“Thank you” to all of you who give of your Time, Talents and Treasures to make it possible for Immanuel to fulfill our mission here and to continue to do so! We wish you all a Blessed Christmas!

Sincerely, Your Resource Committee

Holidays are for Sharing! Let's remember our neighbors as we prepare for Christmas. Please pick up some extra food items when you do your own shopping for our Little Food Pantry. You can purchase grocery gift cards in smaller denominations for our congregation to give to others, which allows those folks to select their favorite holiday foods.



Pantry donations can be placed directly into the Little Pantry or placed on the shelves just to the left as you enter the church from Chester Pike. (Food items in bags and boxes should be placed in the bin – saves them from the fall invasion of mice!) Grocery gift cards can be purchased from Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus and given to any Outreach Committee member. (Jean Crane, Colleen Kelly, Margaret (Piee) Fagan, Karl McClellan, Joyce Morrison)

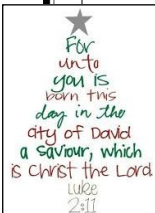


Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group will **not** meet in the month of December. Pack a lunch and join us on the 3rd Wednesday of January, the 18th, at noon for good company, conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Start your Christmas shopping online with **Amazon**. Enter through Amazon Smile and select Immanuel Lutheran Church Norwood as your charity and half of 1% will go to Immanuel. Thanks for supporting Immanuel!



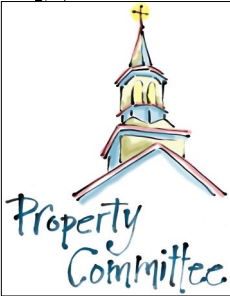
December is an exciting month at Immanuel. There are many special service happening that we don't want you to miss! The first Sunday in advent is November 27th. That begin the series Flames that will explore the light Christ brings to our lives each Sunday in advent with special readings and music. Other Key dates:



- December 18** Christmas Cantata *Born A Savior, Born A King* presented during the 11 AM service
- December 24** Traditional Candlelight service at 9 PM
- December 25** No service at church but there will be a link sent out by the Synod to enjoy a service at home
- January 1, 2023** Lessons and Carols with a hymn sing dedicated to Christmas' favorite carols

Please join us as we await the birth of Jesus and celebrate all that he has brought to our lives. On behalf of the Worship and Music Committee, I wish you all a blessed Christmas season.

Winter weather will soon be upon us. Property is asking for **help with snow removal** once the dreaded white stuff begins to fall and accumulate. Please touch base with Fred Warner or Joe Kintsche if you are interested.



Everyone is aware of Immanuel's heating oil cost increase. Help us conserve oil by not adjusting thermostats and keep doors closed eliminating drafts that may influence thermostats. **Please consider donating to the Oil Fund. Envelopes can be found in the Hospitality Area.**

We are requesting that you **not bring in any item(s) with the belief that Immanuel will have a use for them.** A good example of items appearing at church unannounced are office printers, monitors, and vacuum cleaners just to mention a few. Presently we have two printers and six vacuum cleaners (non-functioning) we need to dispose of. If you are bringing items in for sale at the Christmas Bazaar please inform Social Ministry or Property of the items so they can be placed downstairs. We continue to accumulate phantom items in the cloak room and have no idea what to do with them. If we don't know, they will be disposed of.

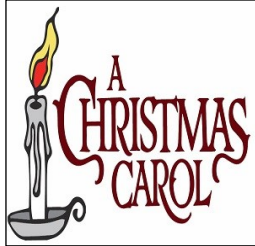
Property continues to need your help with our housekeeping supplies. When you do your grocery shopping, please consider picking up an item or two. Items may be placed on the card table located in the Hospitality Area. We are always in need of building/maintenance supplies and very appreciative to the congregation for your continued donations. Below is a list of the items that we most often need to keep our supply cabinet full:

Paper Towels	Liquid Dishwashing Detergent	Window Cleaner
Liquid Hand Soap	Hand Moisturizer	Facial Tissue (Kleenex)
Furniture Polish Bleach	Pine-Sol	Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Trash Bags (33 to 45 gallon and 12 to 15 gallon size)		Toilet Paper

For another chance to help the church, decorations and the Manger "take-down" is tentatively planned for Sat. January 7th starting at 9:00AM. Any questions please contact Karl McClellan (Cell) 610-761-4804 or email: krmcfamily@aol.com)



Immanuel to Go See “A Christmas Carol Comedy” at Hedgerow Theatre



Delaware County’s favorite holiday tradition continues with the US premiere of a fun and festive new and different adaptation of *A Christmas Carol Comedy* featuring two-actors as Scrooge and "Everybody Else." A celebratory spectacle for all ages that bursts to life and is sure to make spirits bright.



Our **Outreach committee** is hoping to have an Immanuel Day at Hedgerow Theatre on Saturday, December 17 at 2 PM to see this new twist on a holiday favorite. Tickets are \$25.00 per person (We are getting the group discount!). Deadline to place your ticket order will be Sunday, December 11th. You can order tickets by emailing Darlene McClellan at: dmcclellan@hedgerowtheatre.org, or you may call 610-565-4211 (7am-2pm) and ask for Darlene.

Adding to the holiday festivities on December 17th is a musical treat of Christmas’ favorite music with a *live performance by the WXPN band “Last Chance” starting at 1pm*

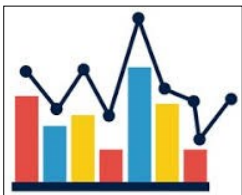


The holiday season is upon us. The Christmas bazaar will have taken place this year! A big thank you to all who helped make it a huge success for Immanuel! We couldn’t do it without those who manned tables, made cookies, soup, or baked goods. Our crafters worked diligently to create the variety of crafts that filled our table! This year we had a bike donated by the Filmores to be raffled off. What a nice surprise! Thank you to Santa for stopping by for the children! It is amazing how giving our congregation is and continues to be, they are a true blessing to Immanuel! May everyone have a happy and blessed Christmas Season!

Thank you to all who ordered cemetery sprays again this year. Our volunteers always put a lot of care into making them for your loved ones!

God Bless, Social Ministry



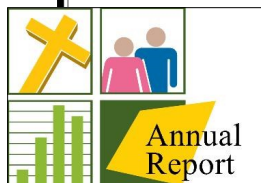
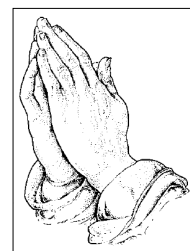


CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
Oct.	0	0	35	33

THE POWER OF PRAYER

- ♥ Margaret Swingle
- ♥ Mary Cole
- ♥ Barbara Stauffer
- ♥ Jackson
- ♥ Rita Petty
- ♥ Catherine Shyd
- ♥ Jason Friel
- ♥ Bob Moore
- ♥ Harry Swallow
- ♥ Pat Brolly
- ♥ Barb Calciano
- ♥ Francis O'Brien
- ♥ Chris Kelly
- ♥ Peg Shorck
- ♥ Joann Irick
- ♥ Marcos Waserstrom
- ♥ Art Hunter
- ♥ Flossie Cora
- ♥ Lives touched by gun violence.
- ♥ Peace in Ukraine



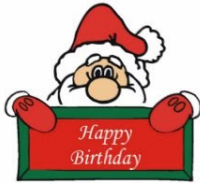
Committee Chairs ~ Reminder to have your **annual reports** in by the end of the year to the church office. Email is the most efficient and preferred method of communication if possible. Everyone's support and help is greatly appreciated.

Please note in your 2022 envelope giving box, there is now a **new Advent Offering envelope**. This envelope replaces the Advent coin cards. Please be generous in your giving during the season of Advent.



Severe Weather Policy ~ In the event of severe winter weather please call the church office at 610.586.5860 for a recorded announcement on the status of Sunday morning services. Closing announcement will be made no later than 6:30 AM to ensure ample time to plan your morning.





HOMEBOUND MEMBERS BIRTHDAY

Mary Cole ~ December 10th

Please refer to your church directory for address information.

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

Deborah Leflar Joanne Fitzpatrick
Karl McClellan



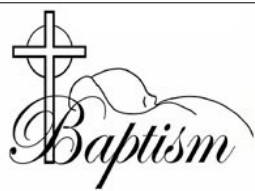
IMMANUEL CELEBRATES!

Baptism ~ November 13, 2022 ~ Elsie Kate Campbell

Daughter of Carolyn & Brian Campbell

Sponsors, Owen Dreger & Bethany Schearer

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



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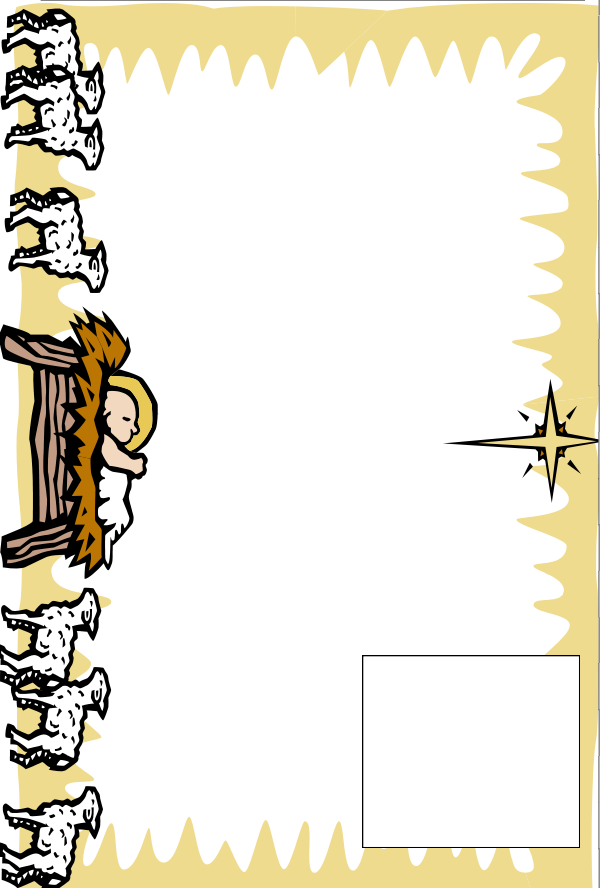
The Rev. Scott R. Lee

Church Office Hours

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



SPONSOR 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 and dedication.

Name of Sponsor(s): How it will appear in Service Bulletin

Envelope No:

Phone