

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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JANUARY 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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.

1 New Year's Day Lessons & Carols 10:00 AM Education Hr	2 New Year's Observed Office Closed	3	4	5	6	7 Manger & Tree take down.
8 10:00 AM Education Hr 12:00 PM Outreach Mtg. Worship & Music Mtg. Christian Ed Mtg	9	10 5:30 PM Resource Mtg. 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	11	12	13	14
15 10:00 AM Education Hr 12:00 PM Council Mtg	16	17 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	18 12:00 PM Half Century	19	20	21
22 10:00 AM Education Hr	23	24 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	25	26	27	28
29 10:00 AM Education Hr 12:00 PM Congregational Mtg. 	30	31 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	<div data-bbox="901 1486 1104 1638" data-label="Text"> <p>Please pick up your “Fellowship Cup”, an all-in-one wafer and juice set (the bread and wine) when entering the sanctuary before worship.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1112 1512 1258 1638" data-label="Image"> </div>			

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PASTOR'S PEN

In 2023 Immanuel will celebrate 135 years of service to the Norwood community. I recently have had occasion to talk about our nativity scene outside. Most people are shocked and amazed when I begin to tell people the history of our nativity scene as well as other treasures like our mural.

As we look forward to a new year, I'd like to hear from you. What are some of your favorite memories? I would like to hold a party come September 2023. I would love to collect stories and pictures to reflect on the big and small ways the ministry here has touched our lives and the lives of the community at large.

Also, if you are interested in helping me to plan the 135th anniversary party, please let me know.

LET *everything*
THAT HAS *breath*
PRAISE THE *Lord*
PSALM 150:6

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud

clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

~ Psalm 150:1-6

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Lee

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*

Little Free Pantry

Have you noticed? It's WINTER! Please think about those without enough food to eat and place items in our pantry. Let's provide hearty, warm winter foods. We do need to adjust to the weather, so please, no glass containers that might freeze. If

thank
you!

our pantry is full, items can be placed inside the Chester Pike door on the left. We don't want mice to ruin our groceries, so place bags and boxes in the plastic bins. You can bring donations on Sunday morning or the church secretary can buzz you in the door during office hours, 9:00 – 1:00 most weekdays, except holidays.



Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group is back in January!

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!

**KEEP
UP**

Visit our website:

www.immanuelnorwood.org

Like us on Facebook:

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood

Church Office hours 9am-1pm

Answering machine: 610-586-5860

Send us your email address:

secretary.immanuel@verizon.net

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Many thanks go out to everyone for their support of the Christmas Bazaar and cemetery spray making! You truly are a blessing to Immanuel!



Enjoy your winter, stay warm and healthy. When the weather warms, we will start having some social gatherings.

PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY TO ALL! BLESSINGS, SOCIAL MINISTRY

FUNDRAISER FOLLOW-UP ~ Thank you for support of our Fund Raisers: Pampered Chef made just over \$270; Raise Right made \$272; Bazaar made \$2500 and wreaths \$500. Without your support we would not been able to do this.



*Volunteers
Needed!*

Manger Take Down. On Saturday January 7th we will take down our **Manger Scene** (for the 71st time!!) and also our **Christmas tree**. Gathering for snacks will be at 8:30 AM with the work starting at 9AM.

Thank you to anyone that can lend a hand!

Happy New Year!

2023 is now here!! We can reflect on the Christmas season that just passed and look forward to what the New Year will bring. One thing we can all count on in just a few months is Easter when we celebrate greatest gift from our heavenly Father, the resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ and the forgiveness of our sins through Grace!

Our sincere "Thanks" to all the committees and individuals who helped with the numerous fund raisers at the end of the year. Here is a snap shot of the approximate proceeds thus far:

- **Christmas Bazaar: \$2,500**
- **Cemetery Decorations: \$500**
- **RaiseRite: the Christmas Gift Cards: \$272**
- **Pampered Chef: \$270**
- **Immanuel's Heating Oil Special Giving Campaign: \$3,000**



Our sincere "Thanks" as well to all who responded to the Stewardship Drive. The chance to complete a commitment card is a privilege to give your response to the generosity of our Heavenly Father and now we need to follow up with the commitments we have made. 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!!

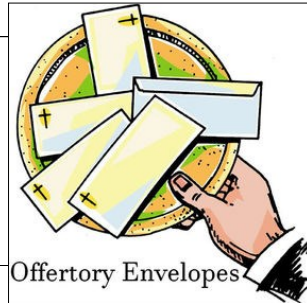


Looking back, 2022 was a tough year as the impacts of the pandemic continue to hit us as well as the impact of inflation. We took significant and often painful steps to try and close the gap between our costs and donations such as renegotiating our insurance with reduced coverage and we terminated the janitorial service taking on cleaning by volunteers, just to name a few. We still came up short and had to take money from our investments to pay the bills. But we are optimistic that our congregation's generosity will come through and that 2023 will be a better year.

"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 New Year!

Sincerely, Your Resource Committee

2023 envelopes can be found on the table in the back of the church. To make other arrangements, or to pick up during the week, please call the office at 610.586.5860



Offertory Envelopes



**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

Adult Bible Study - Sunday mornings at 10:00am to 10:45am. In January we beginning a new series which will lead us through Lent. It will be a video Bible Study. We meet in the choir room.

We have great discussions and welcome all. Any questions, please ask Jeanne Warner or Joyce Morrison. Hope to see you Sunday mornings.

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.



JANUARY 29th

FOLLOWING THE

11:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

(Severe weather date Feb. 12th)

Happy 71st Birthday to Immanuel Lutheran's Nativity Scene!



(From left to right): Keira, Pastor & Julia Lee, Joe & Janice Kintsche, Jacob Evans, Mike Million, Alejandro Enriquez, John Law, Kris McClellan, Fred Warner and Karl McClellan. One other key contributor was Colleen Kelly who provided the hay (and her horse "Manny" who was willing to share!)



Believe it or not, our Nativity scene will celebrate its 71st birthday this year! The first year the manger was displayed was 1951. It was an idea that was suggested by Immanuel's Sister Zedena and from there it became a project embraced by many in our congregation and people in the community.

- The lumber to build the manger came from the old Norwood railroad station.
- The painting of the figures was done by Mrs. Fred Hazel who was an accomplished artist of the day.
- The first year the scene had the baby Jesus, Mary, a chicken and a squirrel. Then over the next several years they added Joseph, the donkey, sheep, the angel and the window. (Sadly the original chicken and squirrel have escaped!).
- Due to the labors of love to mend and erect the manger it continues to bring the Christmas spirit to Norwood



So as you walk by this Christmas season please take a few minutes to pause and enjoy the scene. Say a little prayer of "Thanks" to those folks who, 71 years ago, had a dream and made it come to life! It sure is amazing what committed Lutherans can accomplish! Speaking of what we can do when we work together, this year we combined efforts to put up the manger, and the Christmas tree and on Saturday November 26th. Fellowship and excellent team work resulted in a fun and productive day!!

My "Thanks" to all those who helped put up the manger, the tree & decorate the church.

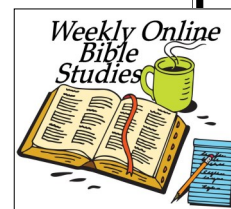
I wish a Merry Christmas
and Blessed New Year to all!!

Sincerely, Karl McClellan



Immanuel's weekly "Virtual" Bible Study to Resume Tuesdays Jan. 2023!

After a holiday break we are going to resume our **Virtual Bible study** on Tuesday evenings January 10th, 2023. We started this during the pandemic so that people can stay safe at home but also gather (remotely) to learn more about the Bible. This provides **one of two** Bible study options at Immanuel with the other being **In Person** on Sunday mornings at 10AM (see information about that in another part of this newsletter). You are welcome to join either or both as we cover different topics. The Tuesday night **Virtual Bible study** will be using 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 will be led by Karl McClellan and Fred Warner. Please join us if you can!!! Here are the details:



WHAT: Weekly Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesday nights starting January 10, 2023, from 7 to 8 pm

WHERE: Zoom Meeting (Instructions below)

How to join the meeting

We'll be using Zoom Conference for this online event. Instructions for joining the meeting or dialing in by phone are below. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Karl McClellan on email at: krmcfamily@aol.com or call his cell phone at 610-761-4804.

OPTION 1 - Computer or Tablet (preferred):

To join by video, using your computer's webcam, click the link below (or copy and paste into your browser) at the start of the event and follow the prompts on your screen. This option is preferred, as it will allow you to see the other attendees, as well as our presentation, and to interact using the chat.

Join Zoom Meeting using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82473637465?pwd=bjJPUGFFam5oQWxOOHgyVW5MbJVPdz09>

Meeting ID: 824 7363 7465 **Pass code:** 880345

OPTION 2 - Dial-In by Phone:

If you are unable to use the video link, you can dial in using your phone. Simply dial one of the numbers below at the start of the event. You will then be asked to type in the meeting ID followed by the pound (#) key. You may be prompted to enter the meeting passcode as well followed by #. Then you'll join the call with the event hosts and other attendees.

Dial In Number:

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 824 7363 7465 **Passcode:** 880345

Thank you and hope you can join us!

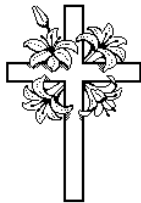


Our prayers include the following persons as they recall their
Baptism in January and promises made to God and by God:

† Frederick Warner

THE POWER OF PRAYER

- ♥ Margaret Swingle
- ♥ Peg Shorck
- ♥ Lives touched by gun violence.
- ♥ Jackson
- ♥ Joann Irick
- ♥ Peace in Ukraine
- ♥ Rita Petty
- ♥ Art Hunter
- He heals the*
- ♥ Catherine Schied
- ♥ Flossie Cora
- brokenhearted and binds*
- ♥ Jason Friel
- ♥ Pat Bonner
- up their wounds.*
- ♥ Pat Brolly
- ♥ Jim Mullin
- ♥ Barb Calciano
- ♥ Friends & Family of Mary Cole



IN REMEMBRANCE

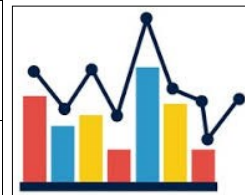
Mary L. Cole - December 9, 2022

Mary's Celebration of Life was held on December 14th, 2022 at White-Luttrell Funeral Home led by Pastor Lee. Her interment was at Maple Grove Cemetery, Elizabethville PA.

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

CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
Nov.	0	1	43	34



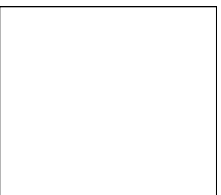
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Church Office Hours

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



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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