

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## JUNE/JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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### PASTOR'S PEN

The summer is a busy time, but, also a great time for soul care. Vacations and long weekends away, are a welcomed reconnection to people, places and stories that restore our souls. These times of relaxation also provide the perfect environment to nurture your relationship with God.

Faith is a pure gift; faith also takes practice. For most of us, noticing that God is near, remembering what God has done for us, and trusting in God's promises do not come automatically. Faith grows with repetition and challenge and discipline. Each of us is different, but here are some of the things that help me remember that Christ is truly risen--for me, for us, and for the whole creation:

- I recognize him in the breaking of the bread. Sometimes I am blown away by this. Even when I'm not feeling it myself, I still trust that Christ shows up in the sacrament. Let us be thankful for the food, company and conversation at the dinner table.
- Practice trying to perceive the face of Christ in all faces. Do you realize that sometimes you are downright radiant?
- I usually pay better attention to the presence of God when I am quiet and slow down. This seems to be true whether I am reading, praying, walking, working, or in conversation.
- Woods, water, and sky: Spending time in nature usually helps to restore my sense of awe, reduce my anxiety, see God's creation as beautiful, and revive my gratitude.
- Daily life in a relationship: Being forgiven, welcomed and accepted by other people helps me to trust more fully that God forgives, welcomes, and accepts me too.

I hope you explore the beauty of God's creation this summer.

*Pastor*



## Summer Vacations are Here!

### Enjoy while remembering your Church too!



June 20<sup>th</sup> is first official day of Summer. As our minds think about the season, school is out, hot weather, vacations, and getting some down time to relax, we should take time to reflect on the amazing generosity which the Father showed in giving his Son for us, dying on the cross but then to be raised from the dead! 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!

**Warm Weather brings the time to do outdoor work and repairs. Our Roof Repair Campaign has started!!**



In May the Property committee alerted us to this! 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. and **NEEDS TO BE DONE.** We worked with Property and started a campaign to raise money for the

repairs. *We need to start the repairs before more damage occurs.* Please support this effort as we work together to care for our Lord's house.

#### What Else Can We Do? Especially Durning Vacation Time?

- Support our fund raisers especially the ongoing **Food Gift Coupons.**
- Give to our **ROOF REPAIR campaign** using the envelopes on the bright BLUE board.

**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 & Sandy Hendrick



RECONCILING *in* CHRIST

## Celebrate Diversity with Fun, Fellowship, and Food

Immanuel is celebrating our status as a Reconciling in Christ Congregation as part of Pride Month. Plan to stay after worship on Sunday **June 30** and join the fellowship! Please sign up so we know how many folks we'll be feeding. We will grill dogs and burgers and have potluck side dishes and dessert. If you can bring a dish or dessert to share, we'd all appreciate it, but it is not required. We will be outdoors on the lawn if the weather permits, downstairs if the weather is foul. Questions? Contact Joyce Morrison or Karl McClellan.

## Immanuel to be Part of Norwood's 4th July Parade!

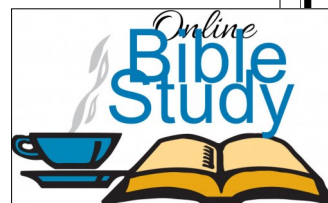
We will again be marching in the Norwood 4th of July parade that will take place on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. There are two opportunities to participate: You can walk along the route with Karl McClellan's vintage Mustangs and give out info on Vacation Bible School OR you can help at our water station outside the church at the Winona Ave. gate. If you would like to march in the parade with us, we are to assemble at Interboro High School parking lot on Amosland road in Prospect Park at 8:00 AM. For the water station, set up starts at 8:00 am – then we wait for the parade! Bring your own chair. This will be the parade's 112<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!! If you have questions please see Colleen Kelly, Vicki Slotterback, or Karl McClellan.



Our Healing Service that takes place the 3rd Saturday of the month will be on vacation over the summer. We look forward to resuming them come September.

## Immanuel's Weekly Virtual Bible Study Takes Summer Break!

Our “**ZOOM**” Bible study that is normally on **Thursday** evenings, will take a break over the summer wrapping up in early June when we finish our current book. Looking ahead we'll be back after Labor Day with the exact date T.B.D. As you may know our **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. We will be picking our next book over the summer. 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!!



## Our Stories Continue! Here is one about the Power Of Prayer!

Here is the latest in our congregation's stories. It's been wonderful to learn about the presence of God in the lives of some of our members. We have read or heard a variety of stories from our fellow members. This story comes to us from Karl McClellan's sister Judy. Judy asked that a co-worker's Dad (Steve King) be placed on our prayer list. We have been praying for Steve for several months. With the family's permission, his daughter Wendy wanted to let us know his story, please see below.

**Do you have a story to share?** Any little anecdote about your personal experience that has reminded you that God is present in your life and/or the life of the Immanuel Community we would love to share. Please contact Pastor Lee, Karl McClellan, or Joyce Morrison to share your story with the congregation. You can write it out, prepare video (we can help you) or share it during announcements at a worship service. It will be posted on our website for more folks to see. Blessings to all!



### The Power of Prayer ~ Steve King's Story

My dad, Steve King, has always been a strong, vibrant man. Even as he entered his eighties, he took great pride in maintaining his yard and garden, washing his cars, and staying very physically active. That all changed this past September. What originally started as a cough led to him losing the ability to swallow anything, even his own saliva! After spending almost the whole month of November hospitalized and down to 125lbs, he had a surgical procedure to close a hole between his esophagus and lung, and also had a feeding tube inserted.

It was around this time that a dear friend of mine (Judy) asked if I would like my dad to be added to the prayer list at Immanuel. I loved this idea and immediately said yes. It wasn't long before we started to see improvements in my dad. He started to gain weight, and began to swallow small amounts of fluid. He has continued to make improvements, and although he still has a feeding tube, he can now eat many soft foods. He is also back working in his garden! I totally believe that this is due to God's intervention and the power of prayer.

I can't express how thankful I am to the congregation at Immanuel for praying for my father. I'd also like to add that having an ill family member can feel very isolating. Knowing that there were other people praying with me for my dad, made me feel less alone. Thank you all! The spirit of God's love shines through the wonderful things you do!

Wendy King

A graphic with the words "THANK YOU!" in large, colorful, block letters. The word "THANK" is in pink, "YOU!" is in blue, and "YOU!" is in green. The word "thank you!" is written in a smaller, cursive font in black, overlapping the block letters.

Immanuel is excited to have VBS again this year the week of Aug 12-16, 9am – 11:30am. This is such a rewarding experience to reach out to the children and families in our community. We are one of the few who are still able to hold VBS during the day. This year's theme is Camp Firelight! Please pass along to family and neighbors. See Pastor Scott or Jeanne Warner to sign up to help. We will be meeting again Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> after church.



**Registration will be open on June 1st, 2024 at [immanuelnorwood.org](http://immanuelnorwood.org)**  
*click on Calendar to find the Vacation Bible School registration form.*



Social Ministry wishes everyone a safe and relaxing summer! We will be enjoying the summer before we gear up for fall/ winter activities. Just a reminder to join us celebrating Father's Day on June 16th.

**Celebrate Father's Day Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**at Immanuel with carnations and refreshments!**

Thank You to the teachers and the children, and adults who attended the Educational Hour. The classes have come to a close but please watch for the classes to start up in September. ~ Mary Lyn



### Immanuel Tee Shirts



We have ordered tee shirts in the past, and could order more if we get orders for at least a dozen. To receive them in time for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we will need to order by June 9. Please sign up on the sheet on the hospitality table. We expect the cost to be about \$15 each. If you have questions, see or call/text Joyce Morrison (610-506-5387)

### Little Free Pantry

Our pantry continues to be used by our neighbors and we always need protein items in addition to side items. Items can be placed directly in the Free Pantry OR just inside the Chester Pike entrance on the left-hand side. Thank you for supporting those in need in our community.





## Synod Assembly 2024



### We Have Elected a New Bishop!

Pastor Lee and Karl McClellan represented Immanuel at this year's Synod Assembly with the primary piece of work being to elect a new Bishop since Bishop Davenport will be retiring.

The Rev. Bryan Penman, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Conshohocken and co-Director for Evangelical Mission in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, was elected on as the synod's next bishop.

"I am so humbled that you believe in the work that we do together. This is not me, this is us...we are SEPA synod," Penman **told the assembly** following his election.

"This is the work that we do together...to continue to practice radical grace. To make sure that the world knows there is a place for them at the table, to know that God's grace goes to them because there is a lot of messaging in this world that tells them they are not enough. ***This church is alive. The Spirit is moving. And the Spirit will guide us into a more beautiful church than we can imagine.***" – ***Bishop-Elect Bryan Penman***

You can check out more details at: [www.ministrylink.org](http://www.ministrylink.org)

### HELP YOUR CHURCH WHILE YOU EAT!!

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



AVAILABLE IN \$10 - \$100 DENOMINATIONS!!

**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!)*



### Cars, Coffee and Christ Rolls On in 2024!

This Outreach event is a team effort with Immanuel, Norwood and St 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.



Our next event (assuming the weather cooperates) will be on **June 8<sup>th</sup>**. We aim for once a month through the Fall (weather permitting) in St Matthew’s parking lot.



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 3 Lutheran churches we are collaborating with. (Might be a Fire Truck!!). Please check our web sites and bulletins for updates. We hope you might come out and join us!! See Karl McClellan ([krmfamily@aol.com](mailto:krmfamily@aol.com)) with any suggestions/questions you may have.

**Red Cross Blood Donations** – The Red Cross prefers locations with easier access than our basement hospitality area, so the Outreach Committee will not be sponsoring blood drives at our location any longer. We will be posting blood drives that are convenient to Norwood on the bulletin board at the Chester Pike entry OR you can visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search for additional locations.



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.



**Property is still seeking individuals to help with maintaining the outside grounds of Immanuel.** The grass growing season is here. To help with this effort typically on a weekly basis we are asking those that volunteer:

1. Pick up the trash,
2. Cut the grass in front of the church,
3. Cut the grass along Winona Ave side,
4. Trim along edges,
5. Blow off/sweep the sidewalks.



The work takes about 2 hours to complete. Added hands, and maybe even teaming people up, could make it go faster and lighten the load.

Property continues to ask your support with the purchase/donation of paper products and cleaning supplies (paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, toilet bowl cleaner, counter cleaner, etc.) to keep our cabinets stocked. Items can be placed on the table in the cloak room. We will definitely need supplies during VBS in August so please donate items as you are able.

In all of these efforts “Many hands make for little work.” Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to do to help. If you’d like more details about what is involved, and how you might be able to help, please see Fred Warner, Chairperson for the Property Committee.





THE POWER OF PRAYER

- ♥ Amy Williams
- ♥ Eleanor Kephart
- ♥ Barb Calciano
- ♥ Pat Bommer
- ♥ Marie Parnell
- ♥ Art Hunter
- ♥ Cheryl Woodrow
- ♥ Bob Moore
- ♥ Fred Dormann
- ♥ Dave Maiden
- ♥ Baby Wynona
- ♥ Steve King
- ♥ Dennis Cirucci
- ♥ Sylvia Hunsberger
- ♥ Ingeborg Grieb
- ♥ People battling cancer & their families.
- ♥ Peace around the world.

MAY CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
May	0	0	35	38



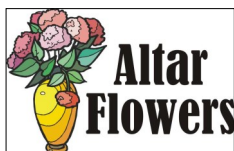
SUMMER HOMEBOUND MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 16TH - AMY WILLIAMS      AUGUST 28TH - MARIE PARNELL



Remembering our Baptisms

<i>June</i>	Imgard Czymek	Amanda Onimus	Lydia Grieb
	Leonidas Yates	Nancy McHugh	Robert Narcavage
	Victoria Slotterback	Lucas Enriquez	
<i>July</i>	Karl Grieb	Darlene McClellan	



**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 JUNE 2024

Sunday Worship - 11:00AM

**SUPPORT OUR ROOF REPAIR FUNDING DRIVE**





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Thursday Zoom Bible Study to end for the summer sometime in June. Date TBD						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Cars, Coffee, & Christ
9 Outreach	10	11 Resource	12	13 Pastor Vacation	14 Pastor Vacation	15
16 Pastor Vacation 	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Council Mtg.	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 	Celebrate Diversity					

# LOOKING AHEAD JULY 2024

Sunday Worship - 11:00AM



There will not be any **Half Century Luncheons** during the summer months of June, July, and August. We will resume our gatherings in September.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4th July	5 Pastor Vacation	6
 <p>Meet the community! March with Immanuel in the Norwood 4th July Parade!</p> 						
7 Pastor Vacation VBS Mtg.	8	9 Resource	10	11	12	13
14 Outreach	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Council	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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Church Office Hours

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

**Visit our website:**

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**ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETINS**

**For Whom:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

- In Honor of
- In Memory of
- In Celebration of

**BULLETINS**

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**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