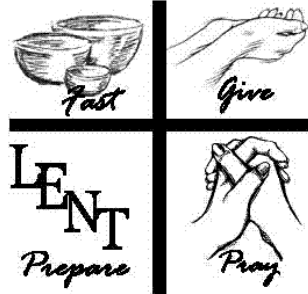


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## SHARE IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP








- 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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>The Calendar reflects “Church” events only. For information in regard to “Use of Building” by outside groups, please contact Vi Mayberry or Fred Warner.</b></p>						
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## PASTOR'S PEN

This month I want to highlight two opportunities that I'm excited about. They actually go hand in hand. This year Immanuel turns 135 years old! Anniversaries are great opportunities to think about and celebrate where we have been in the past year or years. Immanuel has a rich history of fellowship and outreach to Norwood and the surrounding communities.

The other opportunity I'm excited for is the focus for this year on story telling. Jesus loved to tell stories. Story telling is not only something I am interested in but it is also a great life skill for connecting with people. Sharing our stories of faith is an expectation of God; how have you noticed God at work in your life?

This year I would like to put together "Immanuel's book of faith". There are many ways to be involved. The simplest way is to send an email that is 3-5 sentences that tell a moment, big or small, in which you noticed God's presence. You can attend a storytelling class in which instruction will be provided on the elements of a story and an outline for putting a story together. *(Details to follow.)* From there you could meet with me privately to deepen your story or make it clearer. I would like to have a collection of stories for you all to debut on our celebration of Immanuel's 135<sup>th</sup>.

*Blessings, Pastor Lee*



## CHURCH STAFF

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

## CHURCH COUNCIL

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



**Lenten Service Schedule:** This year Immanuel - Norwood; St. Matthew - Woodlyn; Holy Trinity - Wallingford; St. Timothy - Aston; and Holy Spirit - Secane will be working together. This year's theme is **"The Sights and Sounds of Lent"**.

**7:00 pm:** Worship with fellowship and snacks to follow.

**Offerings:** Lutheran Disaster Relief – Turkey Earthquake

DATE	Location	Preaching
Mar. 1st	St. Timothy, Aston	Pr. Scott Lee
Mar. 8th	Holy Trinity, Wallingford	Pr. Marie Sager
Mar. 15th	Immanuel, Norwood	Pr. Rachel Scheible
Mar. 22nd	Holy Spirit, Secane	Pr. Jenn Casey
Mar. 29th	St. Matthew, Woodlyn ~ <b>Communion</b>	Pr. Marie Sager

### Storytelling & Synod's Generosity and Vitality Extravaganza held January 21, 2023

With my Outreach committee hat on, I had the privilege to attend this Synod workshop to learn about Generosity and Vitality in the NOW Normal. The post pandemic situation churches across the country face is very much like we are seeing here at Immanuel. COVID took many dear souls from all of us and induced a high level of stress across parishioners and clergy alike. Attendance is down. Here was one bright spot coming out of the pandemic, we do now have virtual tools (ours is Facebook) that are reaching people beyond our walls. The trend of people who say they have "None" when asked if they have religion is climbing dramatically passing 30%. **We all need God in our lives now more than ever.** The ability to share what God is doing in our lives is a way to share the gift of salvation we have received through God's grace. **Pastor's newsletter article**

**this month talks about sharing our stories.** There will be many ways to do this such as: during worship, written for the newsletter, virtually and more!

***The key is taking that first step to say "I have a story"!***

I look forward to sharing mine and hearing yours. As others have a chance to hear our stories from Immanuel, we can and will make a difference in people's lives!

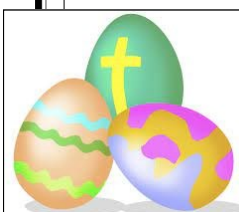
Karl McClellan, Council Person and member of the Outreach Committee

**Easter Flowers** brighten the altar, contributing to our Easter celebration. This year we are ordering **Tulips and Hyacinths!** If you would like to place an order, please complete the holiday flower envelope, enclose your money, and place in the offering plate. Please include **type of plant, number of plants, payment, and dedication** for the bulletin in your envelope.



Orders are being taken thru March 26th. The cost **per plant** is **\$7.00 each**. For pick-up information after Easter, please contact the church office at 610.586.5860.

### **Immanuel Easter Egg Hunt** ~ Immanuel is holding an Easter Egg



Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2023. Children up to ten years of age are invited. Egg hunting begins promptly at 11:00 am, so **plan to arrive no later than 10:45**. Bring your own basket or bag for the eggs! The Egg Hunt happens rain or shine, as the hunt will be moved indoors in case of bad weather. Gather on the lawn at the Chester Pike entrance or go to the social hall down the stairs from the entrance. After the hunt, a light lunch will be served to the children.



**Join Us For  
Breakfast**

### **Bring your family and have breakfast with your Immanuel family!**

Easter Morning Breakfast  
Sunday April 9, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Scrambled Eggs  
Linked Sausage  
Pancakes  
Fellowship

**Bring a dessert!!** See sign-up sheet in hospitality area. Please contact Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus with any questions.



## Lent is underway and Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!



Here we are entering March with Ash Wednesday behind us and looking forward to Easter. Mid-month we can celebrate St. Patrick's Day along the way. However the Lenten season is a time for reflection on the suffering and sacrifice our Savior made on Good Friday to pave the way for our salvation.

At our Annual meeting we heard of other sacrifices being made such as our employees all requesting no pay Increase in 2023 to help our church. We did approve the 2023 budget with a projected deficit of about \$11,000. which is better than last year's deficit. Please reflect on what your church means to you, pray, be generous with your time, talents & treasure.

- During the Lenten season think about using the special Lenten offering envelopes.
- Make regular giving a habit. Consider using the safe, secure, easy virtual method with the QR code below with your smart phone. There are also buttons on our website and Facebook pages.



- Speaking of your treasure, some of the most valuable must be those times that God has touched your life, an experience, an answered prayer, some unexpected blessing, maybe even an experience with an Angel! An opportunity to share that treasure, and very possibly make a difference in someone else's life, is to be willing to **share your story**. You will see in a couple places in this newsletter that Immanuel is requesting stories to share. There will be many ways to do it so there will be one that is comfortable for you. Please prayerfully consider the request. It is another wonderful way for you to share your treasure!

"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 now and beyond our 135<sup>th</sup> year!

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & COUNCIL UPDATE

Please welcome our new council members elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Jan. 29th  
They are:

**3 year term:**

Fran Fisher      Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus



The newly elected Executive Committee:

**President** - Robin Woodrow      **Vice President** - Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus

**Treasurer** - Jeanne Warner      **Secretary** - Joyce Morrison

**Thank You** to our Council Members for their commitment and years of service to the church and the congregation:

**Jason DeLong** 2020-2023

**Siobhan DeLong** 2020-2023



**HELP YOUR CHURCH WHILE YOU EAT!!**

WE SELL ACME/SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS!!!

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

FOR EVERY GIFT CARD WE SELL WE GET 5%!!

**IT REALLY ADDS UP!!**

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!

**IT'S TIME TO EAT AND HELP YOUR CHURCH TOO!**

WE NEED TO GET EVERYONE ON BOARD! **IT'S THAT EASY!**

PLEASE BUY THE GIFT CARDS AND  
HELP OUT IMMANUEL!



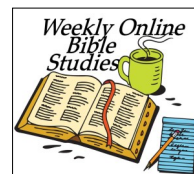
### Join Immanuel's weekly "Virtual" Bible Study on Tuesday Evenings at 7:00PM!

Our **Virtual Bible study** on Tuesday evenings continues in 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. 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. 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! Here are the details:

**WHAT:** Weekly Bible Study

**WHEN:** Tuesday nights 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](mailto: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)

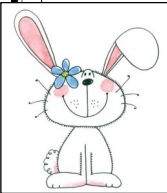
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**Thank you and hope you can join us!**



**Social Ministry** hopes everyone is staying healthy and safe!

Homemade Irish Breads and Irish Potato Candies were back again this year! Mary Lyn graciously offered to bake them again. Thank you Mary Lyn and thank you all that ordered!



Homemade Easter candy will again be for sale with the generous help of the ladies of Immanuel. Their time and hard work is greatly appreciated. If you would like to join in the candy making fun, we meet Monday's at 6:00PM in the downstairs kitchen area. A lot of love, fun and time goes into making our delicious candy, so pick up an order form and fill up those Easter baskets. Thank you ladies! **Deadline for orders is March 12th.** Pick up is Palm Sunday April 2nd.

Look for the Easter candy order form on the table at the back of the church. These sales are a way to financially support Immanuel. God Bless and stay healthy.



# HOLY WEEK

DATE	Location	TIME
Apr. 2nd	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Immanuel Lutheran	Worship ~ 11:00 AM
Apr. 6th	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Norwood United Methodist Church	Worship ~ 7:00 PM
Apr. 7th	<b>Good Friday</b> Prospect Hill Baptist Church	Worship ~ TBD
Apr. 9th	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Breakfast & Fellowship Immanuel Lutheran	9:00 AM Worship ~ 11:00 AM



Come help Immanuel get ready for Palm Sunday and Easter on **Church Clean-Up Day, Sat. April 1st at 10:00am.** Bring buckets and rags if you have them, cleaning solutions will be provided. Let's wash the remnants of a brutal winter away together and make way for a joyous Easter Celebration!!

**Little Free Pantry** ~ People are using our pantry! The nutritious food that is provided is meeting needs for local residents. **Let's keep up the good work...winter is not over yet.** Remember, non-perishable foods that are protein rich are particularly valued such as peanut butter, canned fish and meats, and beans. If you can't get to the grocery yourself, donations of cash or grocery gift cards are gratefully accepted. The Outreach Committee thanks you on behalf of our neighborhood Pantry visitors.



**Sunday Morning Greeters** ~ The Outreach Committee will make sure that worshippers are greeted on Sunday mornings, but we are looking for assistance. We would like to have two folks at the door at all times, so we are looking for volunteers to assist the committee member at the door. We will greet folks from 10:45 until the start of the service. We know that we are all friendly, so let's put our skills to work! You can volunteer by talking to the greeter as you enter OR by contacting any member of the Outreach Committee – Joyce Morrison, Colleen Kelly, Karl McClellan, Jean Crane or Piee Fagan.



I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

*Philippians 3:10-11*

**Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group in March!** Pack a lunch and join us on the 3rd Wednesday of March, the 15th, at noon for good company, conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



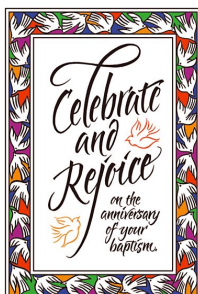
Please note in your 2023 envelope giving box, there is now a **Lent Offering envelope**. This envelope replaces the Lenten coin cards.

**Please be generous in your giving during the season of Lent**



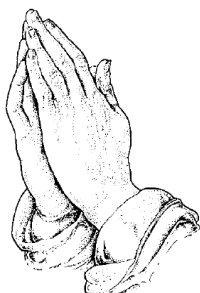


**Graduations?** Anyone graduating from High School, College or Graduate School? Immanuel would like to know about it. Notify the church office at 610.586.5860 or email us at secretary.immanuel@verizon.net to send us the details.



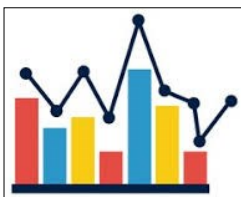
Our prayers include the following persons as they recall their **Baptism in March** and promises made to God and by God:

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| † Florence Grantland | † Ryan Firkser  |
| † Ingeborg Grieb     | † David Firkser |
| † Joan Paglia        | † Amy Graham    |
| † Stephan Firkser    | † Thomas Neher  |



THE POWER OF PRAYER

- |                    |  |  |
|--------------------|--|--|
| ♥ Margaret Swingle | ♥ Jim Mullin   | ♥ Let us remember those families and lives that have been touched by gun violence. |
| ♥ Jackson          | ♥ Don Watts  | ♥ Those effected by the Turkey earthquake.   |
| ♥ Rita Petty       | ♥ Janice Kintsche  |  |
| ♥ Catherine Schied | ♥ Prayers for Peace in Ukraine   |  |
| ♥ Jason Friel      | ♥ All those affected by the COVID virus: patients, caregivers, and those who grieve. | <i>He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.</i>                       |
| ♥ Pat Brolly       |  | ~ Psalm 147:3  |
| ♥ Barb Calciano    |  |  |
| ♥ Peg Shorck       |  |  |
| ♥ Flossie Cora     |  |  |
| ♥ Pat Bonner       |  |  |



CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Removed	Added	Avg. Weekly	Avg. YTD
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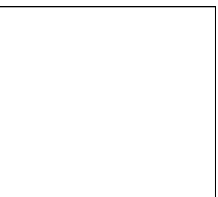
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Church Office Hours

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

Envelope No:

Phone