

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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Reconciling in Christ
Congregation



MAY 2024

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

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 church office, or contact Vi Mayberry or Fred			1	2 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	3 Synod Assembly	4 Synod Assembly
5 Pentecost Flowers 12:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg. VBS Mtg.	6	7	8	9 Ascension Day St. Mark's Clifton Heights 6:00 PM Refreshments 7:00 PM Worship	10	11
12 	13	14 5:30 PM Resource Mtg. (Zoom)	15 12:00 PM Half Century	16	17	18 1:00 PM Healing Service 
19 12:00 PM Council Mtg. 	20	22	23	24 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	25	26
27	28 	29	30	31 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom) 6:40 PM Lutheran Night @ the Phillies		

SAVE
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DATE

Our Delaware Conference invites all 20 of our Congregations to our annual Ascension Day Communion Service, **Thursday, May 9th** starting at **7PM**. It will be at **St Mark's in Clifton Heights**. All are Welcome!



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PASTOR'S PEN

Where's Jesus? Have you noticed how in the post resurrection stories, people seem to have a difficult time recognizing the risen Lord? At first, Mary Magdalene thinks he is the gardener. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus walk and talk with Jesus for miles, without realizing that it is he. They only recognize him in the breaking of the bread. The disciples who were hiding behind locked doors in Jerusalem worried that he might be a ghost instead of the real deal. They only recognize him when he shows them his wounded hands and side. Later on, when Jesus appears to his disciples in Galilee, they initially perceive him as some random stranger who is presuming to give him fishing advice.

Do you think this is because the spirit prevents them from seeing clearly at first, perhaps to test them, or perhaps to give them time to process such an extraordinary truth? Or is his appearance somehow altered (dare I say, transfigured), so that even the people who knew him best might not know him at first glance? Or has the risen Jesus perhaps acquired some Jedi skills, and he's enjoying messing with his friends?

If it was tricky for the first disciples, it's even trickier for us. As Jesus said to Thomas, blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come



to believe. We have Jesus's promise that he will be with us always; We have his promise that he will always show up in the worshipping community gathered in his name, and the bread and the wine, and the water and the word. By faith, we know that he is present in a particular

and intimate way in our Sacramental life. But another way to ask the question "where is Jesus?" Is to turn it around and ask where he is not?

CHURCH STAFF

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

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That is part of the point of the ascension; the risen Christ is both in heaven and here on earth because he has ascended, now there is no place where he is not.

A sonnet for Ascension day, by Malcolm Guite: (*From sounding the season: poetry for the Christian year.*)

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
 Whilst we were rooted still in a time and place
 As earth became a part of heaven's story
 And heaven opened to his human face.
 We saw him go and yet we were not parted
 He took us with him to the heart of things
 The heart that broke for all the broken hearted
 Is whole in heaven centered now, and sings, sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
 Sings to the clouds that veil him from our sight,
 Whilst we ourselves become his clouds of witness
 And sing the warning darkness into light,
 His light is in us, and ours in him concealed,
 Which all creation waits to see revealed.



Peace and Blessings, Pastor Lee

Immanuel's 135th Memory Cross Project Extended. Still Time to Get Your Sticks in!

The spirit of God has been flowing through Immanuel Lutheran Church for 135 years and with that passage of time many, many wonderful memories, blessings and milestones have been created! We are doing something as part of our 135th celebration to capture your memories in a lasting way. We are going to build a Memory cross! It will be made up of multicolor craft sticks on which members have written their family names, memories, milestones, activities, events, blessings, etc. It will look something like this:



We started this at the 135th anniversary luncheon. We will continue to collect your "sticks" until **Ascension Day, May 9th**. We will then build our cross. On the Hospitality table a basket of 6" multicolor craft sticks and a "Sharpie". Please take a few minutes on Sunday to write down your own special memories. Look for the basket where we will be collecting the craft sticks. We are also having our Eucharistic Ministers take a kit to our shut-ins so they can participate too! Later we will assemble our Memory Cross.

Let us know if you have any questions about this.

Thank you! Karl McClellan on behalf of the 135th Anniversary Committee



It's that time of year again when Property is seeking individuals to **help with maintaining the outside grounds of Immanuel**. We have been blessed with a very experienced "team" of people through the Property committee who take care of the lawn with over 200

years of experience! These 200 years are across three people and if you do the math you'll see why at the moment "Old Guys Rule" but **we really do need added able bodied hands to pitch in**. Immanuel lawn care season has started as of the Friday before Easter. Typically, on a weekly basis (weather permitting) the effort is: 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/swept the sidewalks. Presently it takes one of the current "Old Guys" to take care of these tasks in about 2 hours. 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.

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 **slate roof on the sanctuary building is in need of repair** (also see the Resource newsletter article). Several pieces of slate roofing were discovered on the steps leading to the sacristy. Property has contacted a roofer that specializes in slate roofing and provided us a quote totaling \$5,350.00. The quote is broken down into three areas of repair importance. Main Roof Slate replacement and repair \$3,600.00, Rain Gutter repair \$625.00 and Maintenance on the two flat roof areas (over church office and choir room) \$1,125.00. All of these areas are **"IMPORTANT"** but the most critical for now is the main building roof. It appears that we have had some water enter the building and is causing damage to the wall above the last stained-glass window on the right-hand side of the sanctuary as you face the altar. You will be hearing more about this effort to repair the roof shortly. In the meantime, if you would like more information or make a donation to the roof repair please speak with Fred Warner.

Pantry Donations for our Neighbors

The Little Free Pantry is always active. We have neighbors of the church stop by frequently to pick up non-perishable food or to add to the donations in the Pantry. If you can, please pick up some protein items when you grocery shop as we still have quite a few cans of vegetables thanks to the Harris School Thanksgiving food drive. Thanks again for your support.





MAY FLOWERS ARE HERE!

So is post winter clean up.



May will be blooming by the time you read this! Warmer weather! Ascension Day on the 9th! Mother's Day on the 12th! Wrapping up with Memorial Day on the 27th! A great month to enjoy Springtime! Take time to "stop and smell the roses" and reflect on Jesus's Resurrection! The generosity which the Father showed in giving his Son for us, dying on the cross but then to be raised from the dead....is the ultimate miracle! 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!



As we all spend time cleaning up our yards we may find things which the winter did to our properties that we need to repair. Our church has the same issues. As we were cleaning up for Easter we noticed this, pieces of the church's slate roof on the steps by the sacristy. Property Committee investigated and had a slate roof specialist inspect our roofs. Looks like repairs of the slate, plus a few other items needing attention, will cost about \$5,000. We will be working with

Property to start a campaign in May to raise money for the repairs. Please support this effort as we work together to care for our Lord's house.

What Else Can We Do?

- Support our fund raisers! **Raise Rite Gift Cards** are back!
- Jump on the band wagon for the **Food Gift Coupons** available EVERY week year round!
- Give to our **Heating Oil Campaign** using the envelopes on the bright green 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



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%!!**

Please see Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus on Sundays to purchase gift cards. Cash or checks are welcome!

PLEASE BUY THE GIFT CARDS AND HELP OUT IMMANUEL!

Cars, Coffee and Christ is back for 2024!

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

CARS, COFFEE & CHRIST

HOSTS: Immanuel, Norwood and St. Matthew, Woodlyn
Lutheran Churches in St. Matthew's Parking Lot



SATURDAY from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Please Check Our Web Sites for Next Event

BRING SOMETHING TO SHOW, OR JUST COME FOR THE COFFEE!

GPS: 160 Fairview Road, Woodlyn, Pa. 19094

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www.stmatthewlutheranwoodlyn.org

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. By the time you get this (assuming the weather cooperated) we will have had our first event for 2024 on April 27th. We aim for once a month from April through the fall (weather permitting) in St Matthew's parking lot. At the deadline for this article, we have not yet established a date for our next "CCC". Please check our web sites and bulletins for updates. On the given Saturday, it will be from 8:30 to 10:30 am. We hope you might come out and join us!! See Karl McClellan (krmcfamily@aol.com) with any suggestions/questions you may have.

Acts 2:1-4

Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**May 19
2024**



Pentecost

Order Your Geraniums for Pentecost! We will be ordering geraniums to adorn our Altar area on Pentecost Sunday. If you would like to place a plant (s) in the Sanctuary, we will be taking orders **April 14th through Sunday, May 5th.** Please use the envelope provided by the Altar Guild members for the completion of your order and include the **number of plants, payment, and dedication** for the bulletin in your envelope. **The price per plant this year will be \$4.00.**



Spring Fundraiser ~ “RaiseRight/Script Gift Cards”

Looking for gifts for a special occasion? Or maybe treating yourself to a dinner out. Make it easy with gift cards and help Immanuel also. 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.



Orders will be sent in for purchase on May 5th and June 9th. Please allow 10 days 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. Thanks for all your support!

Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group in May! Pack a lunch and join us on the 3rd Wednesday of May, the 18th, at noon for good company, conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



Summer is upon us and things are winding down with Social Ministry. In May we celebrate Mother's Day and in June we Celebrate Father's Day. It is wonderful to see everyone enjoy a little treat and gather after service to celebrate very special people in our lives



Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped us this year and hope to see you again in the fall when we start all over again with new and exciting ideas added to the old. We enjoy gathering as a family of Immanuel. If anyone has any new and exciting ideas for us, please feel free to let us know.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt - March 30, 2024

We had great weather for our annual Egg Hunt, even though Easter was so early this year! Approximately 25 children and parents enjoyed the activity, followed by a light lunch. Plan now to attend next year on the Saturday before Easter at 11:00 am. This event is held rain or shine - we hide the eggs inside if there is bad weather.



Immanuel's Weekly Virtual Bible Study Thursday's at 7PM

Our **"ZOOM" Bible study** on **Thursday** evenings continues this spring 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 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 are currently doing an 8 session book on **"Forgiveness"** by Douglas Connelly. You may join in at any time as each week is a stand-alone lesson on the topic. 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! Just go to

our web site, www.immanuelnorwood.org, and click on the "Church Calendar" tab then scroll to the **ZOOM LINK FOR THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**. There are instructions there for how to use the "Dial In" option as well!



Support our Synod's youth programs. Save the date:

Lutheran Night at the Phillies 2024

Friday, May 31st, at 6:40 PM

Phillies vs. Cardinals

Start gathering your group now! We're aiming for 500 or more tickets across the synod so that the bishop will be able to throw out the first ball. To count, tickets must be purchased through the link below.

<https://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/lutheran>

To order your tickets, click on the "Buy Now" button below and enter the password: **LUTHERAN**.



THE POWER OF PRAYER

- ♥ Amy Williams
- ♥ Eleanor Kephart
- ♥ Barb Calciano
- ♥ Pat Bonner
- ♥ Marie Parnell
- ♥ Art Hunter
- ♥ Cheryl Woodrow
- ♥ Bob Moore
- ♥ Fred Dormann
- ♥ Dave Maiden
- ♥ Baby Wynona
- ♥ Lewis Onimus
- ♥ Steve King
- ♥ People battling cancer & their families.
- ♥ Peace around the world.

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.



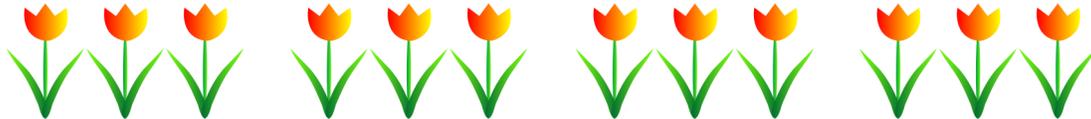
MARCH CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
March	4	3	47	39



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

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| Carolyn Campbell | David Guzik | Keira Lee |
| Alejandro Enriquez | Richard Guzik | Susan Stevenson |
| Elena Enriquez | Julia Lee | Robin Woodrow |



Join the
DELAWARE COUNTY
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
 Celebration
 Rose Tree Park in Media, PA
 (Rt 252 & Rt 1)
 11:30 AM
Thursday May 2, 2024
 Celebrating 73 years of annual prayer in the
 United States!
 Bring a chair for comfort. Picnic lunches
 welcome! Feel free to come and go as your
 schedule allows. The program usually runs
 until 2:30PM.
[https://
 www.nationaldayofprayerdelco.com/](https://www.nationaldayofprayerdelco.com/)

The National Day of Prayer
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

HEALING PRAYER!

PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE!

Pray Across America in 2024!

WORSHIP MUSIC!

ICE CREAM!

FREE!!!

Lift Up God's Word & Bring God's Light Into the World!
 2 Samuel 22: 29-31

COME AND PRAY FOR NEIGHBOR AND NATION!

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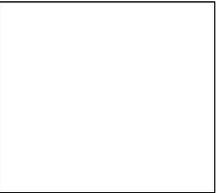
The Rev. Scott R. Lee, Pastor

Church Office Hours

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

MAY 2024

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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:

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