

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

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SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
1 Hymn Sing 12:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg W&M Mtg.	2 - LABOR DAY	3	4	5	6	7 8:30 AM Cars, Coffee, and Christ.
8 Reception of New Members 	9	10 6:00 PM Resource Mtg	11	12	13	14 Norwood Community Day
15 Install Christ Ed 10:00 AM Education Hr 10:45 AM Choir Mtg. 12:00 PM Council Mtg.	16	17	18	19 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	20	21 1:00 PM Healing Service 
OFFICE CLOSED						
22 10:00 AM Education Hr	23	24	25	26 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	27	28
29 10:00 AM Education Hr	30	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.				

ADULT BIBLE STUDY RETURNS ON SEPT. 15TH

Did you read over the summer? The **Sunday morning Adult Bible Study** Class read **"The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom**. If you had a chance to read it, please join us on Sunday, Sept. 15th at 10:00am to share and discuss what we've read!!



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PASTOR'S PEN

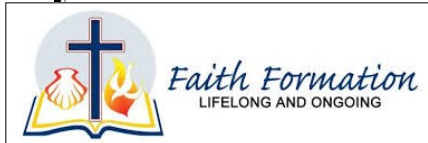
We can find spiritual renewal in many ways and places: spending time in nature with loved ones, creative endeavors, and physical activity just to name a few. After all, there is nowhere God is not, and God's spirit moves at will. That said, we still need the church to nourish our faith.

God promises to show up in a particular, reliable, and grace filled way whenever we gather around the Word in sacrament. We receive life, forgiveness, and salvation whenever we receive Holy Communion. We've received challenge, instruction, and comfort through the living word. We find mutual strength and consolation in our life together with other believers. These days, we have expanded our experience of community to include online connections. But we still need each other period. Faith is not something we do alone.

Our congregation offers a variety of faith formation opportunities for all ages: weekly worship service as well as Wednesday night services during Lent, Sunday school for children and adults, confirmation classes, vacation Bible study. There are so many ways to become involved in worship such as signing up to be a reader or a worship assistant.

Faith formation is a lifelong process, from the day of our baptism until the day our baptism is made complete in our death. No matter where you might be in your faith journey there's a place here for everyone to be fed and room for everyone to grow. Come and see.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Lee



CHURCH STAFF

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

- *Fran Fisher*
- *Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus*
President
- *Colleen Kelly*
- *Joe Kintsche*
Vice President
- *Karl McClellan*
- *Joyce Morrison - Secretary*
- *Jeanne Warner*
Treasurer
- *Don Watts*
- *Robin Woodrow - President*



You're Invited to Immanuel Lutheran



- Main Dish (Chicken) & Side Provided
- Music
- Games for Children



Sunday
September
8th, 2024
Held on the
church lawn.

11:00 AM ~
Worship Service
12:00 PM ~
Picnic

(Rain - Held in Church)

Bring Your own chairs and side dish/dessert. See sign up sheet.

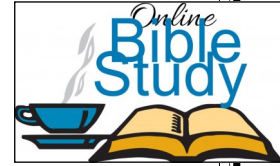
Norwood Community Day, Saturday, September 14th

Immanuel will participate in the Community Day from 10:00 – 2:00. The Outreach Committee is **looking for volunteers** to assist us in interacting with the families that attend, including engaging children in some fun games and providing prizes. We will have shade for our table – either tree or canopy! It's fun, come join us! Contact Joyce Morrison if you would like to help (jemorrison28@gmail.com OR 610-506-5387.)



Immanuel's Weekly Virtual Bible Study Returns September 19th!

Our **"ZOOM" Bible study** that is on **Thursday** evenings at 7:00PM for one hour, will be back on September 19th. As you may know our **Thursday** night **Virtual Bible study** has used 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. As of this writing we are working to pick our next topic.



As you may have seen Immanuel has a **NEW On Line system available called "Right Now Media"**. We are looking at that to see if our next series may come from that. 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!**

We will share just how to connect on our web site, in the bulletins and a handout that will be available in the Hospitality area after Labor Day!

We're Going Back To School



I hope everyone had a good restful summer! September is here and it is time to get back to education. Sunday Church School will start on September 15th at 10:00 AM. Anyone who is potty trained to 6th grade is more than welcome. Watch your bulletins, Facebook, and Immanuel website for instructions and any updates. Any questions please feel free to call me at 610-237-0646.

God's Blessing ~ Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus, Super of Christian Education



Do you enjoy singing our hymns on Sunday? I would like you to consider singing with the choir. It's fun, easy and uplifting! There will be a 10 minute choir meeting in church on Sunday, **September 15th at 10:45**. Come and ask your questions or see me or any choir member. We need you!

Musically yours, Kathleen



Half Century Fellowship Lunch Group in September!

Pack a lunch and join us on the 3rd Wednesday of September, the 18th, at noon for good company, conversation and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



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WE SELL ACME *and* SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS!



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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!

STOCK UP our Pantry and More! As we begin the new school year, please remember those who may be hungry. Please bring canned goods to the church for our Pantry. We would like to collect some hearty non-perishables like canned chili, beefaroni, ravioli, peanut butter, Spam, Tuna, and soups. We will give the food to needy folks who stop by the church, maintain a supply and restock the Little Free Pantry in front of the church as well. Please provide filling and nutritious items - proteins are always appreciated. You may place items directly in the pantry box OR place them just inside the Chester Pike door, on the left hand side when you come to worship. **Thanks to the children who attended Vacation Bible School!** They donated lots and lots of nonperishables for the pantry!! Let's keep up the good work. Thanks for your support!



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.

CHRISTIAN ED

The Third Cars, Coffee and Christ Event September 7th, 2024!

This Outreach event is a team effort with Immanuel, Norwood and St Matthew, Woodlyn. It is a 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 last event was on June 8th and it was the best one yet with 20+ cars, 40+ people and 6 prayer requests! We are planning our next event to be **September 7th** (weather permitting) in St Matthew's parking lot. Please check our web sites and bulletins for updates. That 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 2 Lutheran churches we are collaborating with. (Might be a Fire Truck!!). We hope you come out and join us!! See Karl McClellan (krmcfamily@aol.com) with any suggestions/questions you may have.

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
September 7th, 2024

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

GPS: 160 Fairview Road, Woodlyn, Pa. 19094

For more information - Karl McClellan
krmcfamily@aol.com
610-761-4804



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www.stmatthewlutheranwoodlyn.org



Could You Please Consider: CATCHING UP and/or STEPPING UP?



The dreaded “summer slump” in giving has hit Immanuel very hard this summer. While we do understand that vacation, inflation and life in general, can and does interrupt our good intentions, the Resource Committee sincerely regrets having to report that Immanuel will incur a shortfall in the General Fund of about \$2000 by September 1st, even with delayed payments on some bills. To our faithful givers, **THANK YOU!!** To those who may have fallen behind in giving, we urge you to please consider: **Catching Up** and/or **Stepping Up** on your contributions. Remember God’s amazing generosity never takes time off, thankfully for all of us!!

What did we do already?

- On August 11th Council approved a motion to take \$2000 from Memorial fund in August.
- On August 11th Council approved a motion to liquidate \$3000 from our investments* at Ameriprise to pay some bills we had to hold, regain our footing going into the fall and (hopefully) buy some time for the **Catch Up, Step Up** effort to help.

(Please Note: Our Investments* grand total is approximately \$44,000. That’s it. When that is gone, it is gone).



So What Else Can You Do?

- Do your best to give regularly and if you do miss a week, please try and make it up.
- If you have the ability to give a little more to help us out of the summer slump, that would be a blessing!
- Support our fund raisers especially the ongoing **Food Gift Coupons**.

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.



IMPORTANT: If you have set up automatic giving, PLEASE confirm that the funds are actually getting to the church!

Our Roof Repair is underway! Slate repairs are done! No more work will happen until more funds are raised. We had slate pieces from our roof falling. The Property Committee investigated with a slate roof specialist, who inspected our roofs. The priority repairs of the slate were completed in July thanks in part to those who contributed \$2,305. thus far. 2 other items need attention: Gutter repairs and Flat Roof maintenance. That will cost about **\$2,000.** more. We will hold off on that work until added funds for the roof come in. Our sincere Thanks to those who have already given. Please support this effort as we work together to care for our Lord’s house.

“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 SUPPORT
IMMANUEL!**

**BUY A \$5
BOSCOV’S
SHOPPING PASS
GOOD FOR UP
TO 25% OFF ON
OCTOBER 22,
2024.**

**CONTACT
MARY LYN
(610-888-2579)
FOR DETAILS.**



**ONE DAY ONLY - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024
SHOP 8AM - 11PM**

DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:

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- **REGISTER TO WIN A \$100 BOSCOV’S GIFT CARD**
One Winner at every Boscov’s store

100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TO OUR ORGANIZATION

Thank you to all who helped make this year's VBS a success!

Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God



We had 13 children and about 18 adults and helpers. The children had a great time learning how to face their fears while trusting in God.

They sang, danced, played games, heard Bible stories and enjoyed snacks. For our Outreach Mission Project, we collected canned goods for our food pantry.

We are looking forward to next year!

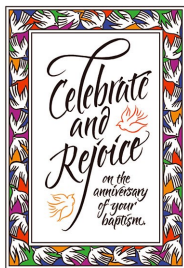




Happy Fall everyone! We are excited to resume our monthly **Healing Service** that begins on **September 21st**. The service is the **third Saturday of each month** and will be a laying on of hands healing service. It will go from **1pm-2pm**. The actual service itself will take about 30 minutes followed with some quiet time if people want to stay and pray.

Also, we do a monthly **Children's Sermon** on the **second Sunday of the every month** during worship. The Deacon will invite the children up for a sermon right before the last reading or the Gospel.

Please join us, bring your friends, bring your children!



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

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| Adelyn Corcoran | Charlotte Corcoran | Jillian Warner Eddy |
| Jackson Firkser | Thomas Graham | Olivia Paglia |
| Barbara Stauffer | | |

THE POWER OF PRAYER



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|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| ♥ Amy Williams | ♥ Steve King | ♥ People battling cancer & their families. |
| ♥ Eleanor Kephart | ♥ Ulrich | ♥ Peace around the world. |
| ♥ Barb Calciano | ♥ Don Watts | |
| ♥ Pat Bonner | ♥ Steve | |
| ♥ Marie Parnell | ♥ Susan Hornberger | |
| ♥ Art Hunter | ♥ Jane McGuire | |
| ♥ Fred Dormann | | |



JULY 2024 CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
July	0	0	29	35

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The Rev. Scott R. Lee

Church Office Hours

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

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Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood



We are a
RECONCILING in CHRIST
Congregation

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