

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SHARE IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

- SUNDAY SERVICES AT 11:00AM
- CHOIR
- SUNDAY SCHOOL
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- BIBLE STUDY
- ADULT EDUCATION HOUR
- SOCIAL MINISTRY
- OUTREACH
- HALF CENTURY GROUP

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JUNE 2022

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 Fred Warner or Vi Mayberry.			1	2	3	4
5 12:00 PM Worship & Music Mtg. Christian Ed Mtg. 12:30 PM Baptism - Yates	6	7 <i>To be determined.</i> 7:00 PM Bible Study <i>(Zoom)</i>	8	9	10	11 Lutheran Night at the Phillies
12 Pentecost 12:00 PM Outreach Mtg. 12:00 PM Council Mtg. 1:00 PM Puppet Workshop	13	14 6:00 PM Resource Mtg. <i>To be determined.</i> 7:00 PM Bible Study <i>(Zoom)</i>	15	16	17	18
19 	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 RIC Celebration 12:00 PM Choir Practice	27 Vi Vacation	28	29	30		



Please pick up your "Fellowship Cup", an all-in-one wafer and juice set (the bread and wine) when **entering** the sanctuary before worship.

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PASTOR'S PEN

Have you ever received an unexpected invitation to a party? You weren't expecting to be invited to such an event. You didn't realize that the host would want you there. Such invitations come as a surprise and a gift.

We read in the book of Acts of the Holy Spirit's invitation to Gentiles. You see, in the early church people thought you had to be a member of the Jewish community first before you could follow Jesus. After all, Jesus' closest disciples were Jewish. How else would someone understand the traditions, customs, and the Hebrew Scriptures without first becoming a member of the Jewish community? Surely one had to be circumcised first before they could belong to the community. Only then would they be considered worthy and prepared enough to receive baptism. As fate would have it, the Holy Spirit didn't seem to care much about our human rules and traditions of who is in and who is out. Instead, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word (10:44). It didn't matter if they were circumcised or not!



Of course, this was a scandal to those who had grown up with the traditions and the customs of circumcised believers. How is it that the Holy Spirit could call into their community those who had not been a part of the community from birth? Shouldn't there be some sort of test or requirement (circumcision or otherwise) that Gentiles should achieve before being baptized into the church? In many ways the church today is just as surprised by the power of the Holy Spirit inviting those to come be a part of the church who we would have otherwise not put on our invite list. We prefer to welcome people who are related to us in some

CHURCH STAFF

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

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- *Jason DeLong*
- *Siobhan DeLong*
- *Fran Fisher*
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- *Joe Kintsche -*
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- *Frank Martinsen*
- *Karl McClellan*
- *Joyce Morrison - Secretary*
- *Fred Warner*
- *Don Watts*
- *Robin Woodrow - President*

PASTOR'S PEN *(CONTINUED)*

way through blood relation or marriage. One church I knew of in the Poconos treated evangelism as getting their kids and grandkids to come to church. They had no interest in the surrounding neighborhood that didn't look like them or talk like them. What's even worse is that they had names for "those people" who they felt didn't belong in their church. Whenever one of those people would visit their church, they were sure to whisper about them and ignore them. Surely God didn't want THOSE people in THEIR church.

We read throughout the New Testament of instances where the Holy Spirit seems to ignore OUR boundaries, rules, and expectations and instead extends the invitation of God to unlikely people: the poor, the blind, people with skin diseases, eunuchs, prostitutes and "even to Gentiles!" Through baptism the Holy Spirit calls us into this unusual and somewhat scandalous fellowship of Christ's disciples. Even we too are invited.

May this summer bring you to many new places and meet many new people! ~ Pr. Lee



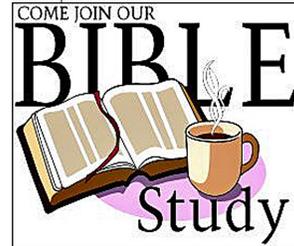
Celebrate Diversity with Fun, Games and Food

After our 11:00 am worship service on June 26, we will celebrate our congregation as a welcoming place for all! Immanuel will celebrate our anniversary 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.

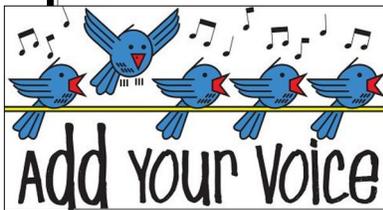
At our Immanuel family picnic, we will have outdoor games such as corn hole and ladder golf to name a few. We will grill dogs and burgers and have potluck side dishes and dessert. We have sign-up sheets in the hospitality area for side dishes, games, and volunteers to help us with the celebration. Don't worry about the weather, we'll move indoors if necessary.



Our 7:00 PM Tuesday night **Zoom Bible study** will be taking the summer off, once we finish our current book in early June. We will start back up a week or so after Labor Day. Please see the September newsletter for details. We sure hope you'll join us! Those who have been attending are really enjoying the "Life Guide" books we use and the excellent discussions we have. We'd love to have more come on board to share our 1 hour per week session as we work to learn more about our Bible.



If you have question please contact Karl McClellan or Fred Warner, Co -Leaders



CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations to the choir on a beautiful and inspiring Easter Cantata performance!

The next choir practice will be after service on **Sunday, June 26th**. We will prepare a special hymn for July 10th.

Do you enjoy singing? This rehearsal will be an ideal opportunity for you to give choir a try: one rehearsal for one (easy) song. Practice will be in the choir room (Covid permitting).



Celebrate Father's Day
Sunday June 19th at Immanuel with
 Carnations and refreshments!

Are You Planning Summer Vacation?

The church never takes a vacation. We are always here for you. Keep in mind that bills do continue throughout the summer. Wishing you a safe and fun summer season!





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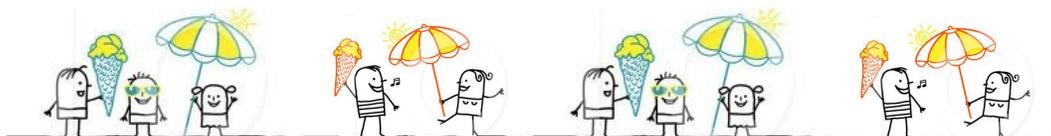
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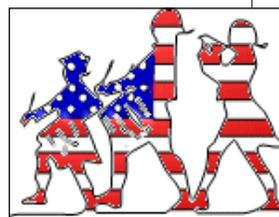


IMMANUEL TO BE PART OF NORWOOD'S 4TH JULY PARADE



The parade is to be held on July 4th (rain date July 9th) and Immanuel once again will be part of it! We will march as a group representing our church promoting Vacation Bible School!

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. If you would like to come out and cheer us on, the parade steps off at 8:30 AM.



This will be the parade's 110th Anniversary!!! If you want to march with us or have questions please see Colleen Kelly, Vicki Slotterback or Karl McClellan.

Thank you!!! GOD Bless Norwood and Immanuel!!!



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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!

**“Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation,
continuing steadfastly in prayer.”** *Romans 12:12*

Outreach Committee Backpack & Essential School Supplies Drive!



Outreach Committee is again sponsoring a school supply collection. Please drop off any new school supplies at the designated box in the hospitality area. Please place your donations there by the end of July so that we may give them to groups that are preparing backpacks to give away. Remember that school children range from Kindergarten to 12th grade! Watch for sales! Thank you for being generous.

If you are interested in helping the **Property Committee** with the grass cutting and cleaning up around the church please touch base with either Frank Martinsen or Fred Warner.

Help is always **GREATLY** appreciated.





Immanuel is excited to have VBS this year the week of Aug 8th-12th. However, we need your help to make this happen. We still need some people to make this happen. Can you help? Of course you can!

Here is where we need your help:

- ◆ 4-5 volunteers to lead individual class to a station (easy peasy)
- ◆ 1 volunteer to lead Bible Story Time
- ◆ Possibly a Games Leader or a Science Leader

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.

Unfortunately, if we do not get the volunteers needed, we will not be able to have VBS this year and that would be a great disappointment. The children in the community need this! On faith we are praying for Volunteers to make VBS happen this year. (*Background checks may be necessary.*)

Please see Pastor Scott or Jeanne Warner to sign up. We can do this!





Synod Assembly April 30, 2022



Here are highlights from the Assembly which our Council, Committees and congregation may find interesting and helpful.

General Info:

- It was the 34th Assembly
- It was held on ZOOM
- 341 people attended and 245 were registered voters
- 143 lay people attended
- 70,000 Lutherans are in SEPA
- Currently 42 Congregations in transition.
- Thanks were expressed for church's support of the Day of Service
- Offering (which included a QR code method) went to Ukraine via Lutheran Disaster Relief
- Keynote speaker was Pastor Nic Penaranda who spoke about African Descent Ministries

Voting:

- Several resolutions passed and seats were filled including:
- Jill Schott of St. Matthews, was elected to the Synod Consultation Committee.
- Affirmed SEPA's status as RIC (our synod has been in RIC since 1995)
- Support "due process" when a clergy member is being disciplined (came out of the Pacific conference I believe)
- Supported underserved urban ministries (note by the definition shared for population density per square mile Immanuel Norwood is considered urban)
- Fairer Pastor parental leave recommendation for when a new child comes into the family

Items with direct interest to our committees/members:

- Lutheran night at the Phillies is June 11
- New Augsburg fortress supplement "All Creation Sings" with 200 Hymns and Songs is coming out
- June 18th is the Synod workshop on Generosity at Trinity Lansdale
- Oct 11th is national coming out day

If you have any questions please see us.

Respectfully submitted, Pastor Lee and Karl McClellan

Summer Starts in June!

In the month of June we will experience the longest day of the year on the 21st. (By the longest day we mean the longest period of sunlight hours). It is the start of summer! Every time there is a change of season it gives us reason to reflect on the Almighty and this wonderful Earth he has given us. Speaking of gifts, we can't ever forget that GOD gave his SON to suffer and die for our sins. GOD is lovingly, radically, abundantly and over the top with his generosity toward us. HE GIVES US ETERNAL LIFE!! As the seasons change please take time to reflect on how are you responding to that gift?



With summer also comes vacation time for many. For churches summer time can also be time for “the summer Slump” when it comes to giving. We would ask that you do your best to stay current with your giving through the summer.

2022 has been challenging thus far trying to balance our costs versus giving. Many of our costs have gone up just like in your home. Your Resource committee will be starting a campaign in June to try and help with one of our biggest cost items: Heating Oil. Now you might say we don't use oil in the summer? But we are on an 11 month budget plan so the bills keep rolling in. Watch for details in the bulletin about how you can help. We will be asking everyone to consider *giving in addition to your normal offering* to help us with this BIG cost.

Speaking of giving, for those receiving the newsletter by email and those **doing church virtually**, we have **3 EASY and VIRTUAL ways for you to DONATE to IMMANUEL**. You will see on our Website and on our Facebook page, “links” which you can click and make a secure donation. And in the weekly BULLETIN + this Newsletter, is a **QR code** which you can scan with your smart phone:



If you have any questions or suggestions on our virtual ways to give, please see Karl McClellan (in person) or call him 610-761-4804 or email him at: krmcfamily@aol.com
All your gifts to Immanuel (*Time, Talentsand Treasures*) equip our Church to fulfill our mission.

By the way, **if you are a Thrivent member please consider using their “Thrivent Choice”** program which allows members to direct some funds to their church for eligible topics. We are grateful that at least one family did this so far and we saw some much needed funds come in. Thank you! If you are a member and did not yet please do!

Please do your best to provide generous support so we can continue our Mission doing God’s Work!

*Thank you, Your Resource Committee: Jeanne Warner & Karl McClellan (Co-chairs)
+ Sandy Hendrick & Peg Martinsen.*

Plan Pray Give Build

The Holy Spirit, in fulfilling prophecies of both Jesus and John the Baptist, descended in a unique way upon all the believers, giving them power for service; the outpouring of the Holy Spirit began the church age; the disciples were both baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit; the sign of speaking in unknown languages was given to the disciples as evidence of the arrival of the Holy Spirit; and finally, on this birthday of the church when the Holy Spirit descended upon all the believers, Peter preached the first sermon of the church age and three thousand people were converted.

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.

2022



Pentecost

June 5, 2022



HOMEBOUND MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

May

13th - Pat Barker

July

20th - Caroline Harlan

August

28th - Marie Parnell



THE POWER OF PRAYER



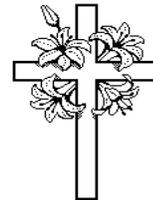
- ♥ Leanne Crouthamel
- ♥ Margaret Swingle
- ♥ Mary Cole
- ♥ Caroline Harlan
- ♥ Robin Johnson
- ♥ Gina
- ♥ Phillip Hunsberger
- ♥ Barbara Stauffer
- ♥ Brittany & Sean
- ♥ Jason Friel
- ♥ Dee Luty
- ♥ Art Hunter
- ♥ Bud McClellan
- ♥ Art McClellan
- ♥ All affected by Covid
- ♥ Peace in Ukraine

IN REMEMBRANCE

Betty Ann Wharton - April 24, 2022

Betty Wharton's service, was held at McCausland Garrity Marchesani Funeral Home on May 3, 2022. Her burial was at Glenwood Memorial Gardens, Broomall, PA. Please keep the Wharton family and her friends in your prayers.

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



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APRIL CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
April	1	0	42	37



HALF CENTURY GROUP

There will not be any Half Century Luncheon during the summer months of June, July, and August. We will resume our gatherings in September. Look for the sign up sheet on the entrance bulletin board at the end of the summer. Come join us for fellowship, and great food!

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June

Kelsey Breslin
Irmgard Czymek
Lydia Grieb
Amanda Onimus

Aubrey MacWilliams
Nancy McHugh
Dave Nagle
Robert Narcavage

Victoria Slotterback
Olivia Taylor

**Remembering
our
Baptisms**

July

Karl Grieb
Laura Hanly
Darlene McClellan

Declan Carney
Brooklyn Murphy
Cole Harlan

Harper Watkins

August

Michael Essick, Sr.
Ethan Essick
Ava Firkser
June Firkser

Colleen Kelly
Peg Martinsen
Taylor Neher
Emily Firkser

Madison Harlan
Myrna Shuster





LOOKING AHEAD

JULY 2022

Sunday Worship - 11:00AM

ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER

Call Thrivent I (800) 847-4386 or email mail@thrivent.com and say "Thrivent Choice" to direct funds to Immanuel.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

AUGUST 2022

Sunday Worship - 11:00AM

**BIBLE ADVENTURE CLUB & ADULT BIBLE STUDY
RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER!**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pastor Vacation	2 Pastor Vacation	3 Pastor Vacation	4 Pastor Vacation	5 Pastor Vacation	6 Pastor Vacation
7 W&M Christ Ed Pastor Vacation	8 VBS 	9 VBS "DISCOVERY ON ADVENTURE ISLAND" Resource	10 VBS	11 VBS	12 VBS 	13
14 Outreach	15	16	17	18	19 Pastor Vacation	20
21 Council Pastor Vacation	22 Vi Vacation	23 Vi Vacation	24 Vi Vacation	25 Vi Vacation	26 Vi Vacation	27
28	29	30	31	 Worship in the Park		WATCH Bulletins & September Newsletter For Date.
4 Sept. Hymn Sing	5 Labor Day Closed					

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Church Office Hours

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

SUMMER EDITION 2022



June/July/August
2022

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

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