

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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- CHOIR
- SUNDAY SCHOOL
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- BIBLE STUDY
- ADULT EDUCATION HOUR
- SOCIAL MINISTRY
- OUTREACH
- HALF CENTURY GROUP

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11 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Outreach Mtg.	12 2:00 PM Blood Drive  6:30 PM Bereavement Group	13 6:00 PM Resource Mtg	14 Bosco's 	15 Bosco's	16	17
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PASTOR'S PEN

I had an interesting conversation this past week about certainty. I have said for the past decade or so that "certainty is a false sense of security". A buddy of mine reminded me of a Nietzsche quote, "It is not doubt but certainty that drives you mad."

Anyway, given the crazy times we live in, I have been doing a lot of thinking about doubt and certainty and truth the past week.

We traditionally see truth as a binary thing. Either it is or it isn't. True or false.

But given the flood of written uncertainty introduced by the information age, I think that maybe we should think about truth in terms of thresholds of certainty. It's like a spectrum of how likely a thing is to be true and the further an idea gets up the spectrum the more committed you become to it. The further it slides down the spectrum, the more willing you are to let go and allow it to be wrong.

Some ideas are "plausible". Other ideas that have a lot of research behind them but remain theories, you'd move them up to "probably true," and things that have been around for generations and have a lot of rock-solid evidence, you'd categorize as, "almost certainly true."

Then, at the tippy top of the spectrum, you get stuff like gravity and the laws of thermodynamics, the fact that your mom met your dad at some point, and all the other stuff that it's inconceivable as to how they could not be true.



CHURCH STAFF

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

- *Jean Crane*
- *Jason DeLong*
- *Siobhan DeLong - Secretary*
- *Fran Fisher*
- *Tom Graham*
- *Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus*
- *Colleen Kelly*
- *Janice Narcavage*
- *Vicki Slotterback*
- *Fred Warner - President*
- *Jeanne Warner - Treasurer*
- *Robin Woodrow - Vice President*

Generally, we're good at moving up the scale of certainty, we're good at taking something we think might be true and then accepting that it's probably true.

But we're really bad at coming down the scale of certainty. We are bad at taking things that we're sure are true and admitting that they might not be. In fact, we often do the opposite: we double down on them as if to prove to ourselves we were right all along. And that's when the trouble starts. The devil uses our pride to keep us blind to realities outside ourselves.

Nietzsche is right that it's not flexibility of thought but rigidity of thought that causes irrationality, antiquated ideas and, in short, madness. Therefore, changing your mind should be something admirable, not embarrassing. It should be seen as a success and not a failure. It should be celebrated, not ridiculed.

This is a sign of growth. Often to grow we have to leave things behind. We talk about new life all the time and scripture mentions often the necessity of renewing our minds as well as our spirits.

We often fear failure or looking dumb (or at least I do). The truth is we don't know it all. I have said also for about a decade, "Failure (or making a mistake) is my primary method of learning". It is the learning that is important. Don't let your certainty steal from you of an abundant life.

Stay well, Pastor Lee

**ALL ONLINE AND IN PERSON MEETINGS WILL BE AT THE
DISCRETION OF THE GROUP AND IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PA STATEWIDE COVID-19 GUIDELINES.**

**This is a fluid situation and changes daily,
please keep up with the most recent church
developments by:**

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Send us your email address: secretary.immanuel@verizon.net



REOPENING INFORMATION

BEFORE worship Details

- To add to the prayer list, call the church office. The secretary will compile the list and leave it for use on Sunday.
- To add written announcements to the bulletin, contact the church office by end of day Monday for the following Sunday.
- Announcements will be made only by the Pastor. Provide your announcement (with full wording) to the church office. The secretary will provide a document with all announcements to the Pastor.

WORSHIP DETAILS - INFO for attendance at the CHURCH

- **You MUST wear a mask. Please do not remove them while in the building.**
There will be supplies at church if you do not have one to bring.
- We may be testing temperatures on the way into the church.
- We will be taking attendance as you enter, so that contact tracing can be done if anyone gets sick.
- We will be asking you to sign a waiver acknowledging your risk of exposure to COVID 19.
- We will not have any cards, envelopes, pencils, papers, cushions or tissue boxes in the pews.
 - ◊ We will not use communion cards for the immediate future. If you are concerned about being on record for communion, call the church office during the week and Vi will record your communion.
 - ◊ Any cushions that are currently on a pew will be relocated to the shelf above the coat rack. Collect your cushion to use during worship and return it at the close of worship.
 - ◊ Tissue boxes will also be placed on the coat rack shelf. Collect yours as necessary.
- We will have volunteers at the Chester Pike entrance to screen and take attendance. We will not be leaving the handicapped entry unlocked...but if you need to enter there, please have someone in your party let the greeters know at the Chester Pike entry. They will meet you to admit you at the Winona entrance.
- **Please bring hand sanitizer with you.**
- After the service everyone will be expected to leave immediately. Any socialization will need to take place out of doors, maintaining physical distancing.





In these challenging times, let's take a moment and
Count our Blessings.

Stuck on this page are two Post-It hearts. Take a few quiet moments and think about all you are grateful for and provide one or two blessings to share with Immanuel Congregation. Then add your hearts to our "art" collage at the church. If you haven't returned to church yet, you may mail your hearts to the Church Office OR you may call or email your thoughts and a member of the committee will place your thoughts on a Post-It and add it to our collage.

Questions? Call or email Joyce Morrison, chair of the Outreach Committee,
jemorrison28@gmail.com, 610-506-5387.

**PRAISE HIM WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS AND FLUTES!
PRAISE HIM WITH LOUD CYMBALS!
LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD!**

Psalm 150



Immanuel Lutheran's Praise Group is in its infancy and could use more musicians. We would like to expand to include you if you have been thinking about getting back to that instrument that is sitting in the closet. Or maybe you have been thinking of learning to play. Now is the perfect time to begin!

Beginners are welcome too! Or spend the next few months practicing until our church can resume full capacity worship. We could use tambourine and maraca players too. Music makers of all ages are welcome and encouraged.

Please email me with your questions and concerns. I can help you get started!

Kathleen Schneider, Music Director
kathleenmusic88@verizon.net



American Red Cross Blood Donation Drive has been scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2020 from 2:00PM – 7:00 PM. The event will be held in the Social Room. All volunteers will be provided by the Red Cross. Please register online at: redcrossblood.org. Sponsor Code: Immanuel Lutheran or call them at 1-800-RED-CROS. A signup sheet will also be posted at the church. There is always a desperate need for blood, so sign up early to get the best time for you! ~ Contact Colleen Kelly with any questions.

Social Ministry hopes everyone is having a safe, enjoyable summer. Due to the pandemic we will not be having our Fall Festival this year but looking forward to its return next year. Stay safe and continue your social distancing.

We are happy that we can again gather in church keeping protocols with this pandemic stay safe and may God continue to watch over us! God Blessed, Social Ministry



HELP YOUR CHURCH WHILE YOU EAT!!

YOU CAN SUPPORT IMMANUEL BY PURCHASING GIFT CARDS FOR
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**FOR EVERY GIFT CARD WE SELL, WE GET 5% AS A
DONATION TO IMMANUEL!! IT REALLY ADDS UP!!**

TYPICALLY, CARDS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE AND AFTER WORSHIP
SERVICE.

IF YOU NEED THEM DURING THE COVID19 PANDEMIC AND
UNCOMFORTABLE ATTENDING SERVICES, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR ALEX NARCAVAGE, HE WILL GET BACK TO
YOU.

**PLEASE BUY THE GIFT CARDS AND
HELP OUT IMMANUEL!**



SUPPORT IMMANUEL BY SHOPPING AT BOSCOV'S!

2 BIG DAYS

**OCTOBER 14TH AND 15TH, 2020
- 9AM TO 9PM -**

Shop Boscov's **in-store or
online October 14th &
15th 9am-9pm.** Shoppers
get 20% off our lowest sale prices.
*10% discount items and
exclusions apply. Boscov's Donates
5% back to a non-profit of your
choice! **Select Immanuel
Lutheran Church** from the list
of pre-registered
organizations at the register
in-store or during checkout
online.

**WE JUST WANT TO
SAY A GREAT BIG
THANK YOU!**

We want to say **Thank You** to those who have continued to send in their offerings during this very stressful time as the world deals with the Covid-19 pandemic. Your thoughtfulness and generosity toward church has been wonderful! We have started to use the building as of July 5th! Throughout the whole time the electric, gas, and phone bills have continued to come in.

We are still able to pay salaries thanks to the offerings

that have come in. Pastor is reaching out through Facebook and other ways, and now, starting back “in person” as well. Viola is in the office working to get as much info out to everyone with the bulletins and newsletters. Kathleen is providing solo music for our services. Life of the church has continued to go on – just a little differently “Live” starting July 5th and “Virtually as well. **YOU** are enabling Immanuel to continue on our Mission the very best we can even during a pandemic in the name of Jesus. **Thank you!**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we did apply for the government sponsored “Payroll Protection Plan” through PNC bank. We did get approved in the second wave and received a deposit on May 5th. However, as many businesses are learning (and so are we), the rules for how to use this are *complicated, sometimes confusing and they are evolving*. The government has extended the deadline to October 20th and has changed the ratio of how the funds can be used to 60% for payroll and 40% for utilities. We are working with PNC to fully understand the rules. Our intention is diligently use what we can in a way that we do not turn it into a loan which we’d incur interest on and have to pay back. We’ll keep you posted as we go forward.

Let’s do our best with generous support so we can continue our Mission doing God’s Work the best we can as we move forward into the “new normal”. (“In person” with Face Masks, social distancing and following CDC guidelines plus providing our service virtually for those who decide to not attend “in person”.)

One program that has continued this whole time are the Food Gift Cards thanks to the efforts of the Narcavage family!! If you do buy the gift cards, Thank you!! If you have not yet, please consider doing this.

Also we have another Boscov’s “Friends Helping Friends” event coming October 14th and 15th so please consider supporting that as well!

Speaking of “virtually”, don’t forget if you would like you can sign up for Simply Giving (just contact Jeanne Warner).

Once again.....**Thank You!!**

Sincerely, Your Resource Committee



Ordering from Amazon? Enter AmazonSmile and designate Immanuel to receive a percentage of your purchase. Easy way to help your church!

Don't stand on the sidelines!

Join Church Council!

Be a voice, help shape the future of Immanuel!

See Pastor Lee or Fred Warner for details!



Bored? Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry could use some help!

They are looking for volunteers to help restock shelves, unload deliveries and carry boxes during the following time slots.



Tuesday 8:30am-1pm

Wednesday 9am-11am

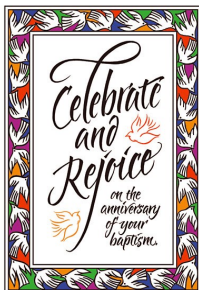
Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm and 12:30pm-4pm

Contact Pastor Chris Heisey-Terrell at pastorcht@prospecthillbaptist.org or 610-532-9000 .



AUGUST - 2020 CONGREGATION STATISTICS

	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
August	0	1	29	41



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

† Gavin Davis	† Thomas Grantland	† Alex Narcavage
† Hank Eberle	† Dylan Harlan	
† Hannah Firkser	† Kayla Hanly	
† Judith Firkser	† Sandra Hendrick	
† Landon Grieb	† Sylvia Hunsberger	

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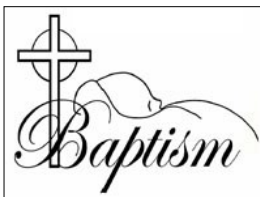
THE POWER OF PRAYER

♥ Eleanor Kephart	♥ Rachel Hill
♥ Jane Moll	♥ Suzanne Pleczynski
♥ Bill Fisher	♥ Grace Long
♥ Stacy Bertsch	♥ Peg Martinsen
♥ Sunny Burris	

IMMANUEL CELEBRATES!

Baptism ~ September 13, 2020 ~ Charlotte Mae Corcoran
 Daughter of William & Ashley Corcoran
 Sponsors, Beth Ryan & Brad Diamond

We rejoice with the grandparents, parents, family & friends in this joyous celebration!



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Church Office Hours

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

Oct 2020

ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

For Whom:

ALTAR FLOWERS

BULLETINS

☐ In Honor of

☐ In Honor of

☐ In Memory of

☐ In Memory of

☐ In Celebration of

☐ In Celebration of

DETAILS:

☐ ANNIVERSARY

☐ GRADUATION

☐ BIRTHDAY

☐ LOVED ONES

☐ BAPTISM

☐ OTHER

Prices and Ordering Information

Altar Flowers: \$35.00

Contact Fran Fisher at 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