

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



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As of printing, all group events are in accordance with CDC Guidelines and are subject to change due to COVID-19. Check our website for updates.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	We will still practice safe distancing and wearing of masks unless otherwise announced.			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.		
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5 - Hymn Sing 12:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg W&M Mtg.	6- LABOR DAY	7	8	9	10	11
	OFFICE CLOSED					
12 Install Christ Ed 10:00 AM Education Hr 12:00 PM Outreach Mtg.	13 6:30 PM Bereavement Group	14 6:00 PM Resource Mtg	15	16	17	18
19 10:00 AM Education Hr 12:00 PM Council Mtg.	20 6:30 PM Bereavement Group	21	22	23 7:00 PM Bible Study	24	25
	OFFICE CLOSED					
26 10:00 AM Education Hr 12:30 PM Baptism	27 6:30 PM Bereavement Group	28	29	30 7:00 PM Bible Study	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

Our hymnal includes this beautiful prayer for grace to receive the word: "Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, which you have given us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen."

One of the things I love about this prayer is the idea that the purpose of scripture is not just for our instruction or guidance. God has provided the scriptures to feed us, to nourish our spirits! Our Lutheran tradition is clear that we do not worship the Bible. We worship the triune God who is revealed through the words of scripture. Martin Luther compared the holy scriptures to a cradle that holds Christ, the living Word. The Bible is a complicated book (actually, a diverse collection of books). It can be perplexing, surprising, and occasionally, disturbing. But as a whole, it points us to Christ and invites us into a life-giving relationship with our living Savior and Lord.

I also love that image of "inwardly digesting" the Word. The implication here is that God wants us to be so immersed in scripture, so engaged with scripture, so involved with scripture, that it becomes part of us. The more we are fed by the Word, the more that Word shapes our prayers, our speech, and our imagination. It informs how we raise our children, and how we treat others.

I'm pretty sure that inward digestion is intended as a metaphor. However, there are two occasions in the Bible when someone (literally?) eats God's word. In the Hebrew Bible, the prophet Ezekiel has a vision in which God hands him a scroll and tells him to open up his mouth and

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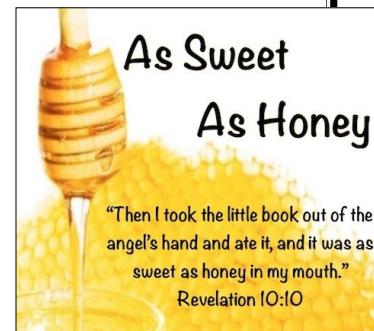
PASTOR'S PEN (*CONTINUED*)

eat it. The scroll is covered with words of lamentation and woe. Yet, when Ezekiel eats it, it becomes sweet as honey in his mouth. (Ez. 2:8-3:3) In the book of Revelation, John is commanded to take and eat a little scroll from the hand of an angel. This scroll is also sweet going down, but becomes bitter in his belly. (Rev. 10:8-10).

These scenes are admittedly strange and mysterious. God can be like that! But is a command to eat a book really any more astonishing than the command to eat and drink the very body and blood of our Lord? “Very truly, I tell you...those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day...they abide in me, and I in them.” (John 6:53- 56). The more we are fed, the closer we are united with the eternal and abundant life of Christ.

How are you nourished by God’s living Word? What are the faith practices that help you to abide in the Word, so that it becomes integral to who you are and what you do? What encouragement and support do you need to “hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest” that Word more fully?

~ Pastor Lee



Property Needs Your Help

At the present time Immanuel is running short on housekeeping supplies. When you do your grocery shopping please consider picking up an item or two. Items may be placed on the card table located in the Hospitality Area. We are always in need of building/maintenance supplies and very appreciative to the congregation for your donations. Here is a list of the items that we most often need to keep our supply cabinet full:

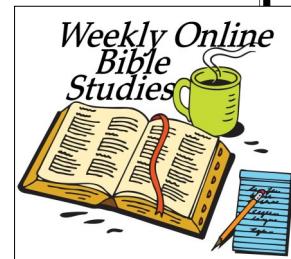


Paper Towels	Liquid Dishwashing Detergent
Window Cleaner	Liquid Hand Soap
Hand Moisturizer	Facial Tissue (Kleenex)
Furniture Polish	Bleach
Pine-Sol	Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Trash Bags (33 to 45 gallon and 13 to 15 gallon size)	



Immanuel's weekly "Virtual" Bible Study to Resume in September

After a summer break we are going to resume our virtual Bible study so that people can stay safe at home during the current Delta variant spike of the pandemic but also gather (remotely) once a week to learn more about the Bible. We are using another "Life Guide" bible study (as of this writing we are still deciding which one). 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. Please join us if you can!!! Here are the details:



WHAT: Weekly Bible Study

WHEN: Thursday nights starting September 23rd, 2021 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 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/84466129933?pwd=RHFjSGhxSEc1WkdPL0k5OFRTUzNJZz09>

Meeting ID: 844 6612 9933

Pass code: 455 400

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)

Meeting ID: 844 6612 9933

Passcode: 455 400

Thank you and hope you can join us!



Immanuel Marches in Norwood's 4th of July Parade!!! On Saturday July 3rd several members of Immanuel marched in the Norwood July 4th parade helping to get the word out about our church and especially our upcoming Vacation Bible School. A sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the march, helped make the banners and staffed our table at the church. Though we did have a little "liquid sunshine" come down on us during the parade, after no parade in 2020 due to the pandemic, it was a blessing to be out there again!!!

Pictured from left to right: Back row: Vicki Slotterback, Jeanne Warner, Amy Graham, Colleen Kelly, Kim & Alejandro Enriquez, Pastor Lee, and Karl McClellan. Front row: Benjamin & Matthew Graham, Julia & Keira Lee.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY RETURNS ON SEPT. 12TH

Did you read over the summer? The **Sunday morning Adult Bible Study** Class read "You Are Never Alone" by Max Lucado. If you had a chance to read it, please join us on Sunday, Sept. 12th at 10:00am to share and discuss what we've read. Hope you enjoyed this book and your summer!!

CHRISTIAN ED

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 12th at 10:00 AM. Anyone who is potty trained to 5th grade is more than welcome. This year there will be the option to either attend in person or via Zoom. 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

We're Going Back To School



Many thanks to all that helped make VBS a success this year. It was a challenge this year dealing with COVID, but we did it! We had about 23 kids sign up. This would not have happened without the help of our Immanuel Team.

Our Outreach Mission Project this year went to DIAKON, a Lutheran based Social Service for families in Delaware County. Thanks to all who contributed.

Jeanne Warner

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 bring them inside to the hospitality area when you come to worship. Thanks for your support!



Sunday September 5, 2021
11:00 Worship Service



Happy September to All!

We hope you all had a nice, safe summer. Here we are already in the 9th month of 2021 and will be on the verge of the start of fall by the time you receive this!! We all hope and pray that the COVID vaccine distribution has continued to expand, that the Delta variant is getting under control, and more shots are getting into arms of those from Immanuel (and the Nation)!!

As we reported previously, we had received a “PPP” loan in 2020 for \$23,600.00 during the early phase of the pandemic. We have received from PNC their update on our standing with that PPP loan. Unfortunately we *do not* qualify for full forgiveness due to an overestimate when we filed, which PNC’s poor support early in the process did not clarify. **We are eligible for forgiveness of \$10,464. which we should count as a blessing. We will have to either repay the balance of \$13,136. or take all of it (or part of it) as a loan.** Resource is working on options with Council to deal with this set back.

Your gifts to Immanuel (Time, Talents and Treasures) equip our Church to fulfill our mission even during these unique and challenging COVID times. We had seen variability in our regular offerings as 2021 and, unfortunately, some decline through the summer months. “Vacation time” is often more challenging to keep up with our giving. We ask that you do your best to “catch up” on your giving if indeed you find yourself behind. We ask all to prayerfully consider your support of Immanuel.



Let's do our best to provide generous support so we can continue our Mission doing God's Work, the best we can virtually for now (keep using Face Masks, Social distancing, washing of hands, following CDC guidelines and seek a vaccine if you have not already done so).

Once again.....Thank you !

Sincerely, Your Resource Committee

Jeanne Warner & Karl McClellan (Co-chairs), Fran Fisher, & Peg Martinsen.

At this time the **Half Century Monthly Luncheon** will **not meet in September**. Members are still determining the best and safest direction moving forward into the fall months. Stay tuned in via your bulletins, Facebook, Immanuel website, and future newsletters, for any updates.



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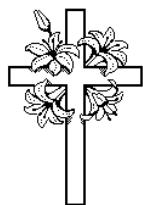
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American Red Cross Blood Donation Drive has been scheduled for Monday, October 11, 2021 from 2:00PM – 7:00 PM. The event will be held in the Social Room. All volunteers will be provided by the Red Cross. Please register online at: redcrossblood.org. 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.

IN REMEMBRANCE

**William “Bill” Harmon Fisher - July 29, 2021**

Led by Pastor Lee, Bill Fisher’s service was held at Kevin M. Lyons Funeral Home on August 5, 2021. Burial was private.

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

THE POWER OF PRAYER



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| ♥ Leanne Crouthamel | ♥ Debbie Leflar |
| ♥ Margaret Swingle | ♥ Robin Johnson |
| ♥ Mary Cole | ♥ Marissa Pierangelia |
| ♥ Caroline Harlan | ♥ Tommy Deshulia |
| ♥ Betty Wharton | ♥ The Moore Family |
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| ♥ Joan Leake | ♥ Friends and Family of Bill Fisher in his passing. |
| ♥ Sandra Kessler | |

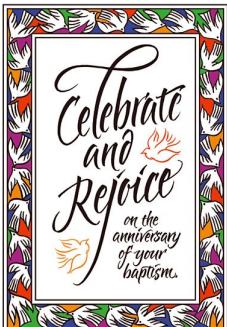


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MAY - JUNE - JULY - 2021 CONGREGATION STATISTICS



	Members Removed	Members Added	Avg. Weekly Attendance	Avg. YTD Attendance
May	0	0	29	29
June	0	0	36	33
July	1	0	31	31



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

Adelyn Corcoran

Thomas Graham

Caroline Harlan

Nathan Magee

Brenna Milbert

Dante Milbert

Olivia Paglia

Braydan Saunders

Peyton Schmidt

Barbara Stauffer

Jillian Warner Eddy

Brian White

Charlotte Corcoran

NORWOOD COMMUNITY DAY

The "Borough of Norwood Community Day" is planned to be held on Sat. **October 16th** in Norwood Lower Park. It will be a borough celebration devoted to live entertainment, fun, food, activities for the kids and celebrating Civic pride.



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

SEPTEMBER
2021

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- In Memory of
- In Celebration of
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- In Celebration of

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