



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

June/July 2026

Pastor's Pen

As the seasons turn and the earth begins to stretch and wake once more, we are reminded that God's presence is not confined to our sanctuaries. Creation itself becomes a sanctuary—alive with signs of grace, renewal, and quiet revelation.

Scripture tells us, *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands"* (Psalm 19:1). From the smallest budding flower to the vast expanse of the sky, creation speaks a language of wonder. It invites us to slow down, to notice, and to listen.

In a world that often feels hurried and noisy, nature offers us a different rhythm—God's rhythm. The rustling of leaves, the steady return of birdsong, the warmth of sunlight after a long winter—these are not just seasonal changes. They are reminders of God's faithfulness. Just as the earth is renewed, so too are we.

Jesus himself often withdrew to natural places—mountains, lakeshores, and wilderness—to pray and reconnect with the Father. He taught using images of seeds, soil, vines, and harvest, grounding spiritual truths in the everyday beauty of the natural world. In doing so, he reminds us that God is not distant, but intimately woven into the fabric of creation.

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This season, consider making space to encounter God outdoors. Take a walk and offer a silent prayer. Sit beneath a tree and reflect on God's steady presence. Notice the colors, the sounds, the life around you—and give thanks.

Creation is not just something we see; it is something through which God speaks. May we have eyes to notice, ears to hear, and hearts open to encounter God in the beauty all around us.

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Please join us on **Father's Day, June 21st**, after services, as we celebrate our fathers and father figures with refreshments, sponsored the Social Ministry Committee.



Acme/ShopRite Gift Cards! They are used like cash at any of the area stores. There is no extra charge for the certificates.

Our church receives 5% of the cost of the coupons. Help us help our church! See Mary Lyn Horne-Onimus for details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be here before we know it!!

Aug 10th – 14th, 9:00AM-11:30AM. Registration opens on June 15, visit <https://forms.gle/XUKezSXfYQWWhUig6>. Children ages 3 – completed 4th grade are welcome. Older children can be helpers. This year’s program is **Snowball Mountain Challenge**. *Ollie* will lead us through the week.



You can be a part of the excitement. We do need more helpers to make this year a success. If you're able to help out this year, please see Jeanne Warner.

The Little Food Pantry Let’s remember that during the warmer months, our thoughts turn to vacations, but **our neighbors still need our help**. Please provide some nonperishable food for the Pantry. Our **neighbors and their pets** will appreciate your thoughtfulness.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Remember that you can place your food right into the pantry, or bring it into the church and place it to the left of the Chester Pike entry door. During the week, the secretary can buzz you in during office hours, 9 am to 1 pm, Mon – Fri. **Or you may use the link below to order some approved items for our little pantry from Amazon.** Thank you for your help.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/1P5SBOQ5TNWF4>



The calendar may say summer but Immanuel is celebrating ***Christmas in July on July 26, 2026 during the 11 am service.*** Join us as we sing your favorite Christmas Carols. Light refreshments will follow the service.

The Power of Prayer

Thank you for including the following individuals in your daily prayers.

Baby Caden	Frank Otto	Art Hunter
Joan Truman	Kathleen Cirucci	Chris Baker Alfino
Crystal Gaglione	Joan Truman	Gina & Jamie Monteleone
Chris Baker	Rev. Eileen Meissgeir	Eileen Chamowski
Amy Williams	Steve	Eleanor Kephart
Barbara Calciano	Marie Parnell	Scott & Alayna Pezick
Michael Jack	Joyce	Robin Forrester
Beth Funk	Amy Williams	Steve
Linda	Barbara Calciano	Marie Parnell

Comfort to those enduring hardships,
All those waiting for organ transplants
People and their families battling cancer
Peace around the world





A social service of our local SEPA Synod, Diakon assists families (referred by Children and Youth Services) in providing adequate care for their children. They also facilitate the reunification of families when children return from foster care. The Outreach Committee has provided a bin in the hospitality area for donations to their work. As of this printing, donations of new or very gently used baby and children's clothing and baby supplies (but not diapers, they have a source for that) would be gratefully accepted. We will coordinate with the staff of Diakon as needs change. Watch the weekly bulletin for updates.

PARADE SEASON!!!



Immanuel will be supporting the **Media LGBTQI+ Pride Parade: June 6 from 12 – 2** in two ways. For those who would like to march: Reformation Lutheran will include us in their marching group. Contact **Joyce (610-506-5387)** for details of when and where to meet. Details are pending at this time.

For those who choose not to walk in the parade, we will try to establish a watching location at the SE corner of Olive and State Sts. in front of La Belle Epoque. This is two blocks from the parking garage at Baltimore Ave and Olive St. Plan to meet there no later than 11:00 am. Let Joyce know that you plan to be there so we can attempt to save enough space. We will have the church banner at this location if we have at least four “watchers.” If we cannot make ourselves fit right there, we’ll try to be as close as possible. Call Joyce at 610-506-5387 if you cannot find us.



Plan to join us for fun, fellowship, and to share Vacation Bible information with parade goers. If you are able to walk in the **Fourth of July parade in Norwood** with Immanuel please let Colleen Kelly know. Details to follow in the bulletins; but usually an 8:30 start with walk ending near the church.

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
June 27, 2026

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

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This outreach event is a team effort with Immanuel, Norwood and St Matthew, Woodlyn. Our gathering for “Cars, Coffee and; Christ” gives us a chance for fellowship, sharing stories, raising prayer concerns, enjoying snacks and giving back to the community. Our first event for 2026 will be **Saturday, June 27th** (weather permitting) **in St Matthew’s parking lot, 8:30AM- 10:30AM**. We will have the feature where children can sit in Karl’s car and get a picture. We’d love to see more members of our two congregations come on out! See Karl McClellan (krmcfamily@aol.com) with any suggestions/questions you may have.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Summer Arrives!

Wow the year is flying by! With this June-July newsletter comes: school getting out, summer begins, hopefully some vacation to get away a little bit? If you are away a week (or more) please try to keep our church in mind and “catch up” when you can as our bills do continue through the summer (darn it) and we don’t want to find ourselves in a “summer slump” with giving.



How Can We Help?

- **Make giving easy and automatic!** Consider this: **Your Bank** You can arrange for a monthly check to be mailed directly from your checking account to Immanuel. There is usually no charge for this. You can do this through online banking (bill payment) or have a bank representative set it up for you. You can cancel this at any time. It's really convenient.
- **Support all our fund raisers,** especially the ongoing **Food Gift Coupons.** We all eat right? 😊
- **Tithely** Consider using the safe, secure, easy virtual method using the QR code below 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.



Speaking of Summer and hot weather, our AC project should be done by the time you read this!



- ❖ Council approved the HVAC Project with Phase 1 to upgrade the church's Air Conditioning. Phase 2 will be replacement of our Boilers.
 - Cost to replace one AC unit in the Sanctuary was \$20,000.
 - We spent \$10,000. of our investment funds for downpayment.
 - We took a loan from ELCA's Mission Investment Fund to pay the remaining \$10,000.
 - The loan is for 10 years, has a monthly payment of \$122.12, and there is no fee or penalty should we decide to pay off early. The loan's interest rate is 8.67%
 - Phase 2 of the HVAC project has begun to scope out options and cost to replace the boilers.
 - Our HVAC giving campaign has raised \$3,124.00 so far!
THANK YOU!
 - Please see the display in the Hospitality area for details and how you can help with this.
 - Tithely now has an option for **HVAC** should you want to contribute that way.
 - Please see Karl McClellan or Fred Warner for more details.

**Thank you for all you all do to support our church's mission!
Sincerely, Your Resource Committee: Karl McClellan & Jeanne Warner**

Or there is a box in which to donate the items which you have collected, located in the hospitality area. The following items are welcome:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Plastic Pencil Box
Composition Books
Crayons (24 count box)
Colored Pencils (12 colors)
Washable Markers (10 colors)
Glue (4-ounce bottle)
Glue Sticks
Large Pink Erasers No. 2 Pencils
Pocket Folders Safety Scissors
Pencil Sharpener
Ruler

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Pocket Folders Highlighters
Fine Line Markers (10 colors)
No. 2 Pencils
Mechanical Pencils
Colored Pencils (12 colors)
Pencil Sharpener
3 x 5 Index Cards (ruled & unruled)
Pens
Ruler
3 Ring Binders
Binder Dividers
Loose Leaf Paper
Post It Notes
1 Subject Notebooks

June/July Events at Immanuel

Saturday June 6

11:00 AM Pride Parade Meet Up
(see article for details)

Sunday June 7

11:00 AM Worship
12:00 PM Worship and Music Meeting

Sunday June 14

11:00 AM Worship
12:00 PM Outreach Meeting

Tuesday June 9

2:15 PM Resource Meeting

Sunday June 21

Father's Day

11:00 AM Worship
12:00 PM Father's Day Refreshments
12:00 PM Council Meeting

Saturday June 27

8:30 AM Cars, Coffee and Christ at St. Matthew's parking lot
(see article for details)

Sunday June 28

11:00 AM Worship

Saturday July 4

8:30 Norwood 4th of July Parade
(see article and upcoming bulletins for details)

Sunday July 5

11:00 AM Worship

Sunday July 14

11:00AM Worship

Sunday July 12

11:00 AM Worship
12:00 PM Outreach Meeting

Sunday July 19

11:00 AM Worship
12:00PM Council Meeting

Sunday July 26

11:00 AM Worship

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