

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

May 2026



Pastor's Pen

As we approach Mother's Day, we pause to give thanks for the women in our lives who have nurtured, guided, and loved us. Whether mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, mentors, or spiritual caregivers, these individuals reflect something profound about the very heart of God.

Scripture often uses the language of parental love to help us understand God's care. Just as a mother comforts her child, so God comforts us (Isaiah 66:13). A mother's love—patient, sacrificial, and enduring—becomes a living glimpse of the grace we receive daily from God.

Mother's Day can also be complex. For some, it is filled with joy and gratitude. For others, it carries grief, longing, or complicated memories. As a church, we hold all of these experiences gently, trusting that God's love meets each of us exactly where we are.

On this day, we give thanks:

- For those who have given us life and love
- For those who have cared for others with a mother's heart
- For the ways God continues to nurture us through community, faith, and grace

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Above all, we remember that God’s love is deeper than any human love—steadfast, faithful, and everlasting. It is a love that holds us, heals us, and calls us beloved.

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Remembering Our Baptisms



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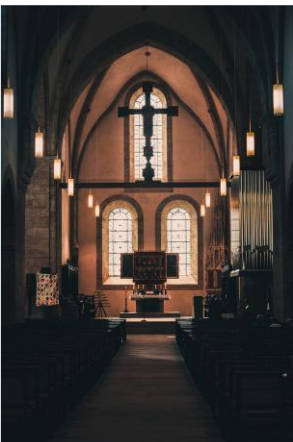
Susan Stevenson

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Amanda Onimus



Ascension Day Service Thursday, May 14, 2026

6:30 pm Light Dinner followed by 7:30 pm worship service. Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Teresa Smallwood, Dean of United Lutheran Seminary. Reformation Lutheran Church, 102 W Rose Tree Rd, Media, PA 19063. Hosted by the Delaware Conference of the ELCA Southeastern PA Synod.

Please join us on Mother's Day, **May 10th**, after services, as we celebrate our mothers and mother figures with refreshments, sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee.



Pentecost Geraniums!



The red geranium sale is on and orders will be taken until May 10th, 2026. The flowers will be available for pick up in church on Pentecost, May 24th, 2026. Please see Jean Crane with questions or orders.

We have a monthly **Healing Service September through May**. The service is the **third Saturday of each month** and is a laying on of hands healing service. It is from **1pm-2pm**. The actual service itself will take about 30 minutes followed with some quiet time if people want to stay and pray. If cancelled due to the weather, the church phone greeting will tell you. 610-586-5960



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. You can be a part of the excitement. We do need more helpers to make this year a success. This year's program is "Snowball Mountain Challenge". "Ollie" will lead us through the week. 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.



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 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	Janice Kintsche	Robin Forrester
Joyce	Amy Williams	Steve
Beth Funk	Barbara Calciano	Marie Parnell
Linda		

Friends and family at the passing of Ryan McWilliams

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) 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.

TEE SHIRTS! It's time to order new tee shirts for us to share our loyalty to our congregation and to identify us as members for public events! The tee shirts will be available in unisex sizes from **extra small to Triple X Large**. They will be bright red (like the typical doors of a Lutheran Church) with white lettering and the Reconciling in Christ full color logo on the left sleeve. Cost will be **\$18 per shirt**, and orders will be due **no later than May 31**. We expect to have the new shirts in time for the Norwood 4th of July Parade. There are forms on the hospitality table to place your orders. **Payment will be collected upon delivery in June.**



LGBTQ PARADE



Immanuel will be supporting the **Media LGBTQ+ Pride Parade: June 6 from 12 – 2**. At this time, we expect to support the parade from the sidelines while displaying our Immanuel parade banner and wearing our Immanuel tee shirts. Last year we heard from several people that they would love to support Immanuel's participation, but walking wasn't an option for them. Check the June newsletter – we'll share details of exactly where we will set up to support the marchers.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

We all celebrated the Resurrection on Easter! On May 14th we'll celebrate Ascension Day that occurs 40 days after Easter when Jesus ascended into Heaven. It is amazing to reflect on how God's gift of his Son provided us eternal life through Grace! **Everything we have** comes from God! Let us show **our gratitude** for the gift of his Son Jesus through what we do with our **time, talents and treasure.**

How Can We Show Our Gratitude ?

Make giving easy and automatic! Consider this...there are three ways you can do this:

1. 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. Meanwhile, your bank will send a check every month on the date you select! It's really convenient.
2. Support all our fund raisers, especially the ongoing Food Gift Coupons....we all eat right?
3. Tithely Consider using the safe, secure, easy virtual method with 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.



AC for Sanctuary Repair, our HVAC Project is Underway!



- ❖ Council approved an HVAC Project, jointly presented by Resource and Property. Phase One is to upgrade the church's air conditioning. Phase Two will be replacement of our boilers.. AC work should be underway by the time you get this newsletter (The timing is fortunate since we've already had a few very hot days in April). Here are the details:
 - The cost to replace one AC unit in Sanctuary and maintenance to the other two units for ventilation is \$20,000.
 - We have spent \$10,000. of our investment funds for the downpayment.
 - We have taken a loan from ELCA's Mission Investment Fund in order to pay the remaining \$10,000.
 - The loan term is for ten years, and has a monthly payment of ~\$125.00. There will be 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 is to research options and cost to replace the boilers; which has already begun.
 - Our HVAC giving campaign is already underway. Please see the display in the Hospitality area for details on how you can help.
 - An option was added to Tithely for **HVAC** should you want to contribute utilizing this method.
 - 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



Please Join Us for Weekday Evening Virtual Bible Study!**

Zoom Bible study takes place weekly, on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**. We are using an interactive series from Right Now Media. All you need is your Bible and we'll provide the discussion questions when we connect. For a copy of the session study guide, please go to the mailboxes in the rear of the Hospitality Area and on the left-hand lower corner you'll find Zoom Bible with copies *for that week* in a folder. Karl and Fred lead the sessions. You may join at any time! Just go to our website: www.immanuelnorwood.org and click on the "Church Calendar" tab, then scroll to the **ZOOM LINK FOR WEEKNIGHT BIBLE STUDY**.

The web site will be updated with the proper link, connection information with dial in numbers, Meeting ID and Passcode.

If you have any questions, please see Karl McClellan or Fred Warner. Thanks!!

All Are Welcome!!

HOLY WEEK





May Events at Immanuel

Sunday May 3rd

10:00 Education Hour
11:00 AM Worship
12:00 PM Worship and Music Meeting

Wednesday May 6th

9:30AM Bible Study in person
@St. Matts Woodlyn
7:00PM Zoom Bible Study

Sunday May 10th

Mother's Day

10:00 AM Education Hour
11:00 AM Worship
12:00 PM Mother's Day Refreshments

Tuesday May 12th

2:15PM Resource Meeting

Wednesday May 13th

9:30 AM Bible Study in person
@St. Matts Woodlyn
7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study

Thursday May 14th

6:30 PM Ascension Day Service
Reformation Lutheran Church

Sunday May 17th

10:00 AM Education Hour
11:00 AM Worship
12:00 PM Council Meeting

Wednesday May 20st

9:30 AM Bible Study in person
@St. Matts Woodlyn
7:00PM Zoom Bible Study

Thursday May 21st

12:00 PM Half Century Lunch

Saturday May 22nd

1:00 PM Healing Service

Sunday May 24th

Memorial Day Weekend

10:00 AM Education Hour
11:00 AM Worship

Wednesday May 27th

9:30 AM Bible Study in person
@St. Matts Woodlyn
7:00PM Zoom Bible Study

Sunday May 31st

11:00 AM Worship

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