

The VISITOR

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From The Pastor's Desk....

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission, as disciples of Jesus, is to commit ourselves to making Christ known through worship, service, outreach, learning and loving one another.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
I recently returned from a quick weekend visit to New York City, taking my daughter Sarah up to meet with my younger daughter Joanna and the rest of Joanna's bridal party to look at and hopefully purchase dresses for all the bridesmaids. We had a great time, and went home with the mission accomplished. (My only contribution was playing chauffeur in New York City traffic.) This marks two firsts for me and for Caroline in a little over a year: purchasing our first home last March and seeing a daughter joined in marriage this June. I had no idea going into it how much work it would be to buy a house, or to plan a wedding! With most of the wedding planning done, we are looking forward to the joy of the wedding day itself.

Although Joanna and her fiancé Brian have put together the guest list for their wedding feast, let me invite you today to another wedding feast. This is the Big One, the feast to end all feasts, the wedding for which all creation is waiting.

As we read in the book of Revelation:

“Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”
(Revelation 19:7-9a)



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Preparations are being made right now for the great wedding banquet of heaven. The bride's beautiful gown is being woven day by day out of every act of love, mercy and justice we do in God's name. Week by week, the wedding rehearsal is conducted in our Saturday and Sunday sanctuaries. And you are invited! There is a place with your name on it at the banqueting table, and there is room for you on the dance floor.

What an honor, what a joy, what a blessing to be on this guest list! I look forward to seeing you at the wedding rehearsal this weekend and every weekend, Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 9am, where there will be a special tasting of the feast that is to come served by the bridegroom himself, Jesus our crucified and risen Lord!

Yours in the Love of Christ,

~Pastor Charlie

BIBLE STUDY and PRAYER GROUPS

Pastor Charlie invites you to join him for prayer and Bible study at any of the following times and places. No previous knowledge of the Bible is needed, and all questions are welcome as we explore God's Word together. Please join us!

*** Sundays at 10:30am:**

Adult Bible Study in the Martin Luther Room

This ongoing, year-round Bible study is based on the Bible readings used in worship that day, typically focusing on the Gospel reading.

*** Tuesdays at 11:00am:**

Conversational Prayer and Bible Study in the Martin Luther Room

This group meets weekly for a combination of conversational prayer and Bible study. Conversational prayer is an approach to small group prayer that helps us experience the powerful presence of Jesus as we offer prayers of thanks and praise to God and pray for each other and for those in need. Come and experience it for yourself!

*** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:00pm:**

Conversational Prayer and Bible Study at Pastor's Home

Follows the same format as the Tuesday group. The pastor's home is at 840 Hughes Shop Road, Westminster MD 21158, 11 miles from Immanuel Church. His home phone number is 443-821-7004. Join him, his wife Caroline and daughter Sarah on Feb 8 & 22.

BIBLE CHALLENGE

Pastor Charlie's Bible Challenge for February

Jesus said... "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31b-32)

Many thanks to all who accepted my Bible challenge for January and read through the Gospel according to Matthew with me. I thoroughly enjoyed both the reading and the interaction with many of you on Facebook. It was good to get a broad overview of the Gospel that we will be focusing on in worship this year.

My Bible Challenge for February will focus on First Corinthians, Paul's challenging letter to a divided and polarized congregation. This time we will be reading a selected passage each day. Here is the schedule of readings. Let me know how it goes!

2/1/2017	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	2/15/2017	1 Corinthians 10:14-22
2/2/2017	1 Corinthians 1:10-19	2/16/2017	1 Corinthians 10:23-33
2/3/2017	1 Corinthians 1:20-31	2/17/2017	1 Corinthians 11:17-34
2/4/2017	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	2/18/2017	1 Corinthians 12:1-13
2/5/2017	1 Corinthians 3:1-15	2/19/2017	1 Corinthians 12:14-21
2/6/2017	1 Corinthians 3:16-23	2/20/2017	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
2/7/2017	1 Corinthians 4:1-13	2/21/2017	1 Corinthians 14:1-12
2/8/2017	1 Corinthians 4:14-21	2/22/2017	1 Corinthians 14:13-25
2/9/2017	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	2/23/2017	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
2/10/2017	1 Corinthians 7:17-31	2/24/2017	1 Corinthians 15:12-19
2/11/2017	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	2/25/2017	1 Corinthians 15:20-28
2/12/2017	1 Corinthians 9:1-14	2/26/2017	1 Corinthians 15:29-34
2/13/2017	1 Corinthians 9:15-27	2/27/2017	1 Corinthians 15:35-49
2/14/2017	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	2/28/2017	1 Corinthians 15:50-58

I have created a Facebook group (private) for this challenge, where we can share questions and discoveries and encourage one another. Send me an email or Facebook message if you would like to join. ~Pastor Charlie

OFFICE NOTES

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COMMUNICATION DEADLINES

Information to print in the weekly service bulletin must be received by noon on the Wednesday prior to worship. Information to print in the monthly newsletter must be received by the 15th of the month prior.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING

Pastor offers individual prayer, with anointing and laying of hands for those who desire it, 20 minutes before each Sunday service.

KIDS APP

Adult devotionals are available monthly through *Our Daily Bread*, but



now there is an app for the younger members of our church! 'ODB' has launched *Our Daily Bread for Kids* app for iPads and Android tablets to extend the Sunday School experience. Each issue contains thirty devotions centered around a theme; two interactive activities such as puzzles, matching games and drawing pages; two songs with printed lyrics; plus special awards to encourage children to

learn. It's designed so that you and your child can have fun - and will grow closer together as you learn more about Jesus. If interested, go to ourdailybreadforkids.org.

MANDY'S STORY

Mandy's Story, a book about the life of Mandy Kent written by Hermine Saunders, has been published. A limited number of copies are available for sale, and orders will be taken for future copies when received by the printer. The book is not being sold for profit. The Kent family and Hermine Saunders are asking for a minimum ^{\$}15.00 donation to the Carroll Lutheran School Scholarship Fund. Christine Crouch is handling the sales of *Mandy's Story* at Immanuel. Contact Chris at 410-746-0260 or crouchchristine@msn.com to purchase a book.

CHURCH CANCELLATION POLICY

We hold that every member of the congregation is a gift and blessing from God. Keeping this in mind, it is our responsibility to care for the safety of each member of the congregation. We are aware that weather conditions and circumstances may establish the need to cancel worship services and activities at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church. Every attempt will be made to decide to cancel services/activities two hours prior through the following official sites:

WBAL Ch 11 Television closure site Immanuel Facebook page
Immanuel Web Site Church Phone Message

Whenever possible, cancelled services will be rescheduled in consultation with the Pastor and will be announced via Facebook, Website and Church Phone Message.

NEW MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

We are pleased to announce that we have entered into an ELCA Global Mission Covenant to sponsor an overseas missionary.

Rev. Wal Reat serves in South Sudan among the refugees in several refugee camps along the border between South Sudan and Ethiopia. What an honor it is for us to help bring the love of Jesus to one of the places on earth where people are most in need of hope and good news! We have agreed to provide \$1,000 in support this year, and will then decide whether to continue this partnership in future years. **Please keep Rev. Wal in your prayers**, and watch future issues of the Visitor and bulletin for missionary updates from him, as well as a monthly mission offering.



IMMANUEL CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Are you willing to share some of your time and talent assisting your congregation? If you have computer skills-we need you. Immanuel is in search of a member willing to update the church website, when needed.

Immanuel also needs a person willing to publicize our church and our activities in the local newspapers. Both of these tasks can be done in the comfort of your own home and would require minimal time.

Contact Pastor Charlie or Brenda Wulforst today!



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration for **Summer Camp at Mar-Lu-Ridge**, an Outdoor Ministry of the ELCA, 3200 Mar Lu Ridge Road, Jefferson, MD 21755, is now open! There are camps available for a variety of interests, including horseback riding, hammock camping, night owls, sports, arts, cooking, and so much more! Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp offers day and night residential camp opportunities for ages 6-17, plus Family Camp and Grand Adventure.

Descriptions of each camp is online at mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org. You can see the camp and meet the staff at an Open House on March 26, April 30 or May 21 from 2-4pm in Agape Hall.

This year Immanuel Church is blessed to have a member of the congregation who has volunteered to support Mar Lu Ridge. This member will pay the tuition for up to 30 children registering for camp this summer. Please note that this offer is being extended outside the doors of Immanuel Lutheran Church. ***Registrations must be received by Feb 15*** and will be processed on a first come, first serve basis.

Don't delay—select a camp and register before February 15, 2017. Complete the Registration Form and send to the Church Office now!

Receipt of the Registration Form will secure a spot for your child at the requested camp. Mar-Lu-Ridge needs to receive other forms (including a doctor signed physical) at least 30 days before the start of the camp week.

The website is listed above for your convenience. If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Brenda Wulforst, Council President, Rachel Murphy, Office Manager or Pastor Charlie.

2017 Mar-Lu-Ridge Camper Registration

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Please fill out all information requested on this form! Please either type or print and mail to Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp Registrar, 3200 Mar-Lu-Ridge Road, Jefferson, MD 21755. Include deposit of \$130 with check made to Mar-Lu-Ridge. For additional information or assistance, call us at 1-800-238-9974 or visit us at www.mar-lu-ridge.org.

Registration for Camp: _____ Date: _____
 Email (adult): _____ Would you like confirmation via email: USPS:
 Camper's Name: _____ Male: Female:
 Camper's Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____
 Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____
 Dietary & Allergy Information: _____ Camper's Birthday: ____ / ____ / ____
 Emergency Phone (other than above): () _____
 "Bunk With" Request: _____

Note: Written request from both campers' parents must appear on each camper's applications. Only one "Bunk With" request will be granted. Age differences between campers may affect "Bunk With" requests.

How did you hear about us? Returning Camper Church School Friend/Family Online Other

**Mar-Lu-Ridge welcomes all campers regardless of financial ability.
 Church and camp scholarships are available.**

To Parents: I understand the policies and programs of Mar-Lu-Ridge, have read and accept the registration and refund policies, and give my child permission to participate in programs and activities provided at the camp. Any photos, video or audio recordings, or interviews taken at camp or during activities which my child appears, may be used for promotion, including website, free of any claims. I also understand that if my child's behavior or conduct does not adhere to Mar-Lu-Ridge guidelines or threatens the safety of other campers, my child may be dismissed from camp whereas I am responsible for transportation, with no refund of camp tuition.

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

To Be Completed By Church/Organization Officials

Church/Org Name: _____ Contact Name: _____
 Pastor/Leader Name: _____ Church/Org Phone: _____
 Church/Org Address: _____
 Total Cost of Camp: _____ Church/Org Will Pay: \$ _____ toward tuition.
 Signed: _____ Position: _____

ONLY DAY CAMP REGISTRATIONS CONTINUE BELOW

Name(s) of individual(s) who can pick up my child: _____

Name(s) of individual(s) who cannot pick up my child: _____

Drop-off Time: _____ Pick-up Time: _____ Please call the office if your pick-up time or drop-off time changes.

	Week 1 June 19 - 23	Week 2 June 26 - 30	Week 3 Jul 3 - 7	Week 4 July 10 - 14	Week 5 July 17 - 21	Week 6 July 24 - 28	Week 7 Jul 31 - Aug 4
Monday							
Tuesday							
Wednesday							
Thursday							
Friday							

Note: Friday pick-up is down camp road at upper camp.

LENTEN SOUP, STUDY, AND WORSHIP

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC) and Trinity United Church of Christ (TUCC) will share a meal, study, and worship together on Wednesdays during Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, we will have a day and an evening time to gather. Starting with Soup/Study (at noon and 6pm) followed by a Worship Service with Disposition of Ashes and Communion (at 1pm and 7pm).

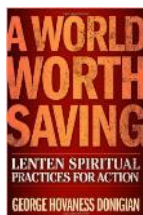
We will continue to offer a day and an evening time to gather for the following Wednesdays during Lent. Each of these gatherings will be for an hour, starting at noon and at 6pm.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday Date	Location	Day Time	Evening Time
Ash Wednesday, March 1	IELC	12pm Soup/Study 1pm Worship Svs	6pm Soup/Study 7pm Worship Svs
March 8	IELC	12pm	6pm
March 15	TUCC	12pm	6pm
March 22	IELC	12pm	6pm
March 29	TUCC	12pm	6pm
April 5	IELC	12pm	6pm

If you wish to be participate in the Mid-Week Lenten service, please alert our church secretaries by Tuesday, February 14. This number is needed for meal planning and for ordering books. We will use the book *A World Worth Saving: Lenten Spiritual Practices for Action*. Your cost is \$10 for each book. There will be minimal reading in between sessions.

The topics we will study include:



- Fasting from Apathy
- Serving God by Serving Others
- Feeding Others and Starving Our Guilt
- Seeking Justice
- Healing the World
- Redefining Friendship

Although it is not necessary to attend all the mid-week gathering, it is hoped that you will be able to attend most of them. During Lent, these mid-week times of study and reflection will be in place of regularly scheduled Bible Study at both churches.

SPECIAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church



Soup/Study
at noon or 6:00pm

followed by

Worship with
Disposition of Ashes and Communion
at 1:00 or 7:00 pm

Our worship will include the option of walking a labyrinth. The labyrinth goes back 5,000 years or more. Beginning in the Middle Ages, Christianity adopted the labyrinth as a symbol, changing the design to imbue it with specifically Christian meaning. For almost a thousand years there has been an identifiable Christian labyrinth tradition. This movement reached its peak at Chartres Cathedral, in France, with the installation of an elegant labyrinth into the nave floor in 1201 during the construction of the magnificent new Gothic structure.

The labyrinth which we will walk will be built from food cans which will later be donated to NESAP and Tree of Friends Foodbanks.

Please bring your cans (lots of them) to church by Sunday, February 19. Cans should not be expired and suggested canned items (to be used for Easter food baskets for NESAP) are as follows:

Corn
Peas
Green Beans
Carrots
Tomatoes
Baked Beans and Other Beans
Tuna, Salmon, Spam, Chicken

Cranberry Sauce
Fruit
Gravy/Broth
Soup
Spaghetti-o's, Ravioli, etc.
Spaghetti Sauce



Teaming Up:

How to Talk to your Teenager About Substance Abuse

CCYSB is offering an informative group workshop for parents of adolescents focused on adolescent substance use. The workshop will include open discussion, and will focus on information about various substances used by adolescents in our community.

The following topics will be covered:

- Drug use in Carroll County
- Warning signs of substance use
- How to talk to your adolescent
- Treatment and intervention options

WHEN: Tuesday, February 7, 2017— 5:00pm to 7:30pm

WHERE: Carroll County Youth Service Bureau
59 Kate Wagner Road, Westminster MD 21157

COST: Free

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT:

Rachel Greenberg at 443-244-8641 or
rgreenberg@ccysb.org
by Friday, February 3rd.

Light refreshments will be provided.

ccysb.org



SUBSTANCE USE/ABUSE PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Carroll County Youth Service Bureau is holding a workshop on **Tues, Feb 7** from 5-7:30pm. This **FREE** workshop is geared toward **parents and caregivers of adolescents** who want to know more about signs/symptoms of substance use and abuse, effects of substance use, resources in the community, and ways to intervene/talk with your teenagers about substances and peer pressure.

Carroll County Youth Service Bureau
59 Kate Wagner Rd
Westminster, MD 21157
443-244-8682 www.ccysb.org

Carroll County Health Department

Carroll County
Opioid Prevention Coalition
www.clearthecabinet.com

Carroll County
Coalition Against Underage Drinking
www.carroll-coalition.org

Dealing with the death of a loved one due to any circumstance is difficult, but when it involves an overdose or addiction, coping can be an even greater challenge. The key is to remember that you are not alone and there are those who understand.

Receive support and advice on effective strategies in managing the complex emotions involved with the death of a loved one from an overdose or addiction in this grief support group. During sessions, members can share their experiences, participate in educational discussions and receive comfort in a warm and welcoming environment.

Registration is required.

Grief Support after a Substance Abuse Loss

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A grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one from an overdose or addiction.



First Tuesday of each month

January 3	April 4
February 7	May 2
March 7	June 6

5 - 6:30 p.m. • Free

Carroll Hospice
292 Stoner Avenue • Westminster



To register or for more information, please call 410-871-8000 or visit CarrollHospice.org

MUTUAL MINISTRY

Chair: Bob Nicoll

Members: Christine Crouch, Rodgers Hagert, Sandy Voight,
Jamie Rooney, Brooks Hoffman, Pastor Charlie, Doris Dell

The Committee uses a “Capture Log” to record problems and opportunities presented to the Committee. We can report that actions on 25 of the 26 inputs received to date are “Completed or Addressed”. One new input has been referred to the Worship and Music Committee and is “In Process”. Recognize that these inputs are frequently anonymous and are considered confidential.



A Balance for Effective Ministry (Pastor’s Report)

We continue to focus on the Pastor and his family’s well being at each of our meetings with a report from the Pastor. Items of note from our January meeting include:

*The Pastor posted an ambitious set of 2017 goals in the January Visitor. Church Council will make more detailed and measurable plans to follow.

*Immanuel will be launching our involvement in the Maryland Faith Health Network in February. The Pastor is seeking a “Point Person” from the congregation to serve in this new program.

*In support of his goal to spend more time in prayer, reflection, and journaling as he seeks God’s Will for his life and Immanuel, the Pastor has established a prayer and meditation day (first Thursday of each month). He recently attended the Carmelite Monastery in Towson for this purpose. He continues for Spiritual Guidance to meet monthly at the Aisling Retreat House in Manchester.

*Physical workout and training at the “Y” continues on Mon, Wed, and Fridays, and has been effective in maintaining physical health.

THANKS

Thank you to everyone who met the challenge and donated to the Homeless Comfort Bags for my Thrivent Project. Your generosity was wonderful! It was so nice to see so many items donated!

Thank you too to the Sunday School children that helped pack the bags and to the adults who also helped us. What a wonderful group we had and such a nice turnout! Thank you also to everyone who will be delivering our bags to the Table of Grace.



We were able to fill over 60 bags with items such as water, peanut butter, cheese/crackers, applesauce, oatmeal, granola bars, mints juice, gloves, socks, hats, scarves, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bandaids, chapstick, lotion, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, soap and many other items. Each bag was filled full of at least 15 items.

May God bless each of you who supported this project. I am sure the recipients will enjoy their Comfort Bags. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for helping me in this project.

~Susan Yingling

MISSIONS

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February Monthly Mission is Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County.

Their Mission Statement is *“Seeking to put Gods Love into action, bringing people together to build homes, communities and Hope!”* Habitat is an international organization with programs around the country, including right here in Carroll County.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320; Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028;
Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753, Amanda Yingling, 717-880-5215



NESAP / TOFF is in need of Shampoo. Please consider picking up a bottle (the dollar store sells them). They are also in need of Toilet Paper (also sold at the dollar store). NESAP / TOFF truly appreciates all of our contributions.

Christmas Cards We are collecting your old cards to be used for tags for our Christmas Families for 2017. If you still have your cards and would like to see them recycled, please drop them in the basket marked Christmas Cards in the Narthex.

As always, we thank the congregation for all your help and support.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18-19

BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION

On Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11-12, we will celebrate our 257th birthday as a congregation. Not one of us was here when this congregation was born, although some of us have ancestors who were among the founders. We are who we are today because of the faithfulness and dedication of the generations who have gone before us. The light of Christ has been passed from them to us, and now it is up to us to keep the light of God's Love shining brightly in all we do until we pass it on to those who will follow after us. There is a name for that responsibility of tending something we ourselves did not create: STEWARDSHIP.

Please come the weekend after our anniversary celebration when we will re-dedicate ourselves to build on the strong foundation others have laid here at Immanuel. By our faithful stewardship of what God has entrusted to us, Immanuel Lutheran Church will continue to make Christ known in the Manchester community for many, many years to come. I look forward to seeing you at church Feb 18 or 19 for a special Stewardship Sunday.

~Pastor Charlie

FINANCE

Chair: Frank Burnette, Irfburnette@gmail.com Treasurer: Jeremy Edwards
Members: Norm Downes, Garth Eckhardt, Rachel Murphy,
Matthew Rooney, Audrey Shaffer, Jeff Yingling

AUTOMATIC DONATIONS

Immanuel offers a convenient and secure online giving service! This is an easy way for one-time donations or to setup your weekly recurring offering directly from your bank account or credit card. In addition to the general operating fund, you can also designate to the Monthly Special Offerings, Land and Building, and Sunday School. If you have any questions, please contact the office for assistance. Our website has a link available: www.immanuelutheranccmd.org

**We now have
a form available!!**

Instead of going online, you can complete and return the form
(on next page)
to the Church Office.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Set Up of Automatic Donations

Complete the below information to authorize
Immanuel Church/SK Giving to set up automatic donations.



Member Information

Full Name (First, Last) _____

Complete Address (Street, City, State, Zip) _____

Email Address (N/A if none) _____

Donation Details

Select One Fund (use a separate form for each Fund)

- General Offering Land and Building Fund Monthly Mission Special Offering
 Sunday School / Youth Fund Kitchen Fund

Select One Frequency

- Monthly (1st of month) Twice per Month (1st and 16th) Weekly (Every Sunday)
 Monthly (16th of month) Twice per Month (5th and 20th) Bi-Weekly (Every Other Sunday)

Amount (Include Dollar and Cents) \$ _____

How Many Installments? (Circle One)

2	5	8	11	36	60	156
3	6	9	12	48	104	180
4	7	10	24	52	120	360

Start Date (Always on first of the next month and goes out 6 months. Example, if signing this form in January, the possible start dates are: Feb 1, March 1, April 1, May 1, June 1 and July 1) _____ 1, 2017
(Month)

Account Information Credit Card or Checking/Savings Account

Credit Card (Circle One)

Check Card Visa MasterCard Discover

Card Number

Expiration Date (Month/Year) ____ / ____

Card Code (on back) _____

Bank (Circle One)

Checking Savings

Routing Number (9 Digits)

Bank Account Number

Name of Bank _____

Signature

Authorized Signature _____ Date: _____

Print Name _____ Date: _____

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jen Edwards, 443-883-6138, jen@iostreaminfo.com, Jeanne Swain, Angie Eckhardt,
Pete Wulforst, Jen Robinson, Sandy Voight, Brenda Wulforst
Jamie Rooney, Christine Hoffman

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Weekly Sunday School classes run from 10:15 – 11:30am each Sunday.

Classrooms are:

Preschool – Kindergarten

Group 2 (4th - 5th grade)

Group 1 (1st – 3rd grade)

Group 3 (6th - 12th grade)

We begin together with prayer, music and offering. Then groups go to classroom for lessons, activities, crafts, games and snacks. Join us!

BABY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Baby Sunday School meets on the first (full weekend) Sunday of the month in the Oak Tree room following the worship service.

If you have questions contact Jamie Rooney jamielr126@gmail.com or Christine Hoffman cuhoffman22@gmail.com. *Meeting on February 5*

ITALIAN DINNER TIME!



Join us on Saturday, February 25th at 5:30pm (snow date of March 4th) for our annual Italian Dinner to support our Sunday School classes. Ticket sign-up sheet is in the rear of the sanctuary, and tickets are only \$5 for adults and youth under 5 are free! Dinner will include salad, bread, spaghetti or lasagna, dessert and drinks. We will have meatless options as well as gluten free options. We look forward to serving you at our fun and delicious dinner!

PROPERTY

Chair: Brian Kremen, 443-286-5688, bkremen@gmail.com

Members: Tony Mancuso, 443-375-8733, Frank Burnette

Property is always busy with things behind the scenes keeping your church building and grounds in good condition.

Some recent and upcoming projects include upgrading the outdated alarm system.

The recessed lights in the sanctuary and Sunday School Auditorium are scheduled to have the bulbs replaced with new LED's. This will save energy and eliminate the need to replace bulbs for a very long time.

***Remember:**

A *Kitchen Improvement Fund* is set up to support the memorial money designated towards improving the kitchen. There are envelopes in the back of the church for the fund or you may designate a donation on your offering envelope.

A *Land and Building Fund* is set up to help offset costs incurred to maintain our property.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Chair: Matthew Rooney, 570-947-4875

Administrative Team: Doris Dell, Jo Fleck, Jeanne Swain

There is a new Keeping In Touch Ministry (KIT) coming to Immanuel Lutheran Church. This ministry will go beyond the walls of the church to reach those who are unable to attend worship or to reconnect with church members. We are looking to recruit "visitors" for this ministry.

The framework for this outreach will emulate an active program currently in place at Westminster United Methodist Church. This administrative team will coordinate with Immanuel's Stephen Ministers and Pastor Charlie to analyze the needs of those visited. Volunteers will be needed who are eager to go out in pairs to visit designated members of the church. This outreach service will provide conversation, church bulletins, and prayer to those they visit. Please prayerfully consider this latest endeavor and becoming a part of this new ministry here at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

If you missed the information session last month but would like more details please contact Matthew Rooney.

FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

Members: Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320; Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753;
Linda Gregg; Matthew Rooney; Jamie Rooney



February 5th is Scout Sunday and we will host a Coffee Hour in honor of the Scouts. They have supported many events held at Immanuel over the years, as well as, the community. Why not take the time to come and meet some of the young men who do so much for us?

There is sheet in the back of the church if you would wish to make a baked item for any of our coffee hours. The reason the coffee hour does so well is because of the support you give us. We thank you.


On Feb 26 we will celebrate new members joining Immanuel. We will have cake and coffee in the Social Hall after the service. This would be a great time to meet and welcome our new members to Immanuel.

To start our Lenten season we will be hosting a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 28th at 6pm. We will serve sausages, pancakes (blueberry, choc chip, plain) and fasnachts. So plan now to bring your family to Immanuel on Shrove Tuesday to eat and talk about what you might be planning to do this Lenten season. There is a signup sheet in the back of the church— please sign if you will attend or can volunteer. As always, we thank you for your help.



**SHROVE
TUESDAY**

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>Missions-Special Offering 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Baby Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11am Prayer & Bible Study 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:15pm AA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pastor on Retreat (Day) 6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>Missions - Special Offering 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA</p>
<p>11</p> <p>25th Birthday Weekend 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:15pm AA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11am Prayer & Bible Study 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:15pm AA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>25th Birthday Weekend 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Stewardship Weekend 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7pm Stephen Ministry 7:15pm AA 7:15pm AA</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11am NECMA Mtg 6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>Stewardship Weekend 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Social Hall Reserved 5pm Worship / Comm 5:30pm SS Italian Dinner 6:30pm AA</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Stewardship Sunday 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am Work Day 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:15pm AA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Social Hall Reserved Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>Social Hall Reserved 5pm Worship / Comm 5:30pm SS Italian Dinner 6:30pm AA</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11am Prayer & Bible Study 6pm Pancake Supper 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:15pm AA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Social Hall Reserved Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>Social Hall Reserved 5pm Worship / Comm 5:30pm SS Italian Dinner 6:30pm AA</p>

Scouts 320

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TROOP 320

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**** Established in 1932 - The oldest Boy Scout troop in Carroll County ****
The troop holds meetings on Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm at Immanuel. Join us!

PACK 320

Cubmaster Pack 320/ ASM Troop 320:

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Cub Scout Pack 320 is looking for new members!

Pack 320 will be having their Blue and Gold Banquet on Sunday February 19th at 1pm in the Social Hall. The Blue and Gold Banquet is really a birthday dinner for the whole Scouting program. It is usually held during the month of February, the anniversary month of the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts of America was organized in February, 1910, and the Cub Scouts started twenty years later in 1930. The Cub Scouts annual celebration gets its name from the Cub Scout colors. The Blue stands for truth, spirituality, steadfast loyalty, and the blue sky above. The Gold stands for warm sunlight, good cheer and happiness.

During the Banquet the Webelo II Scouts will be "crossing over" to Boy Scouts. The boys crossing over have worked together since the 1st grade as Cub Scouts and will each earn their Arrow of Light Award, the highest award for Cub Scouts. The Webelo II's moving on to Boy Scouts are

Ryan Edwards

Samuel Hoke

Bradley Livesay

Hunter Livingston

Kyle Robinson

Congratulations for their hard work and dedication to Pack 320!
Please contact Dee Livesay at 443-929-2583 or keithndee@yahoo.com for more information regarding Cub Scout Pack 320.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Susan Burnette, 410-357-9466, sb31220@gmail.com, Chairman
Jerry Hoffman, 410-374-2565, Organist/Choir Director;
Audrey Moose, 410-429-4047, Chime Choir Director
Judy Bixler, 717-632-1805, Saturday Evening Service;
Jennifer Holbrook, 410-374-6401, Acolytes; Sandy Voight, 410-239-9428, Altar Guild
Wayne Thomas, 410-374-9538, Adult & Luther Men Choirs
Amanda Yingling, 717-880-5215, mandymae1210@gmail.com, Children's Choir

SAVE THESE DATES

February 4-5

Troop 320 Scout Sunday
Coffee Hour

February 11-12

Immanuel's 257th Birthday Weekend
Gallery Walk following services

Sunday, February 26

Transfiguration Service at 9am
Receiving of New Members

Wed, March 1

Soup/Study at noon and 6pm
Ash Wednesday Service at 1pm and 7pm

March 4-5

Lent I

FEBRUARY HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm

Jennifer Edwards

Sundays at 9am

Susan Burnette

Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 7pm

Amanda Yingling

FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD

Sundays

Laurie and Steve Miller

Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 7pm

Sandy Voight

DECEMBER 2016 WORSHIP ATTENDANCES

Dates	Sat/Sun Attendance	Remarks
3 / 4	22 + 100 = 122	Advent2, Baptism
10 / 11	31 + 100 = 131	Advent 3
17 / 18	10 + 118 = 128	Advent 4, SS Program
Christmas Eve, 24	92	3pm Service
Christmas Eve, 24	99	7pm Service
Christmas Eve, 24	108	9pm Service
TOTAL	680	All Services
Average	151	

PAST CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Year	3pm Afternoon Svs	7pm Family Svs	9pm Candlelight Svs
2009	-----	212	206
2010	-----	209	195
2011	-----	256	175
2012	-----	91 *	108 *
2013	-----	200	171
2014	-----	155	135
2015	-----	137	140
2016	92	99	108

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If you wish to be added, please notify Susan Burnette (sb31220@gmail.com).

BIRTHDAYS

Sam Guthrie
Earl Nace
Luther Myers
Katie Martin
Sarah Marshall

Pam Miller
Brenda Murray
Jacob McCarty
Ryleigh Hoffman
Ron Davidson

Brian Yingling
Ellen Stickles
Christian Adami

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Tom and Ardice Holbrook	February 7, 1970
Chris and Debbie Miller	February 14
Bobby and Susan Yingling	February 17

2017 ALTAR FLOWERS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS SPONSORSHIP

Fresh seasonal flowers enhance our weekend worship experience, adding color and beauty to the altar. **New Sponsorship Option:** The altar vases are budgeted for all weekend services during the year. However, if the \$50 for both altar vases is too costly, one vase may now be sponsored for \$25. Both vases will still appear on the altar each week. Please indicate your sponsorship choice of one or both altar vases when signing up on the Flower Calendar. Your written information with payment must be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved date to insure inclusion in the weekly bulletin. **Co-Sponsor** with a **family member or friend** to split the cost! Contact Altar Guild with any questions.

Prices: \$50 for both Altar Vases
\$25 for one vase ONLY
\$30 for Center Arrangement
\$20 for Lessons & Prayers

MUSIC MINISTRY AT IMMANUEL



Please consider becoming a part of the
Music Ministry of Immanuel!

We currently support four various groups:

The Sunday Adult Choir

The Chime Choir

The Luther Men

The Children Choir - 'All God's Children'

Even if you are not able to commit to regular practices at this time, but could participate occasionally during the year, please chat with either

~**Jerry Hoffman** (*Organist/Choir Director*)

~**Audrey Moose** (*Chime Director*)

~**Wayne Thomas** (*Luther Men Choir*)

~**Amanda Yingling** (*Children's Choir Coordinator*)

NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED, just a willingness to help and
'make a joyful noise'!

Sunday Adult Choir hold weekly practices on Thursdays from 7-8pm.

Chime Choir hold weekly practices on Thursdays beginning at 6pm.

The Luther Men sing four times a year.

'All God's Children' Choir sing quarterly.

For more information, look at our *Music Ministry Bulletin Board* in the office hallway.

FEBRUARY LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

For your home Bible Study. Join us as we read through February.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Jan 30~Feb 5	Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalm 112:1-10	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	Matthew 5:13-20
February 6~12	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
February 13~19	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18	Psalm 119:33-40	1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23	Matthew 5:38-48
February 20~26 Transfiguration	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
Feb 27~March 5 Lent 1	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11

ANNUAL SCOUT SUNDAY

Our annual **Scout Sunday** will be observed on **Sunday, February 5th, during the 9am service**. Troop 320 has been sponsored by Immanuel for 80+ years. The scouts will serve as greeters, lectors and offering ushers during our service. Members of the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, along with their adult leaders, will enter the sanctuary with an impressive color guard processional and present a brief ceremony and an activities update to the congregation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, IMMANUEL

Immanuel will celebrate her 257th birthday during the **weekend services of February 11th and 12th**. Our rich heritage began when a small quaint group of German-speaking Lutheran men met in a log cabin on February 12, 1760, not far from our old Oak Tree. Our Archives, displayed in the auditorium, relate this story through a 'gallery walk' of preserved handmade quilts, old German Bibles, a pictorial display of our former pastors, a glass cabinet of retired sterling silver communion chalices and ornate communion cloths from earlier years of service along with many other donated items. Take a moment to sit down and reminisce through albums of former catechism classes, Luther League youth groups and Ladies Aid Society functions along with many newspaper clippings saved to remember Immanuel through the years!

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

The **Transfiguration of Our Lord** will be held on **February 26th** at the 9am service. This festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. On the mount of transfiguration, Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. At the conclusion of the Transfiguration Service, the 'alleluia' portion of our liturgy will be '*buried*' or omitted during the season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year, congregations are focusing on Luther's Small Catechism during the season of Lent. Pastor Charlie will use the Catechism in his sermons. A special Lenten devotional book based on the Catechism, "Free Indeed" is available for individual use. Order slips for the pocket (\$2) or large-print (\$5) editions are being handed out during worship, so we will know how many to order from church. You can get an e-book (\$2) version by searching for "Free Indeed" on smile.amazon.com for Kindle, barnesandnoble.com for Nook, or books.google.com for Google version. You can order a print version directly from augzburgfortress.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Soup/Study

at noon or 6:00 pm

followed by

Worship with Disposition of Ashes and Communion

at 1:00 or 7:00 pm

More details found on page 9.



February 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday February 4	Saturday February 11 257 th Anniversary	Saturday February 18	Saturday February 25
Head Usher	Jen Edwards	Jen Edwards	Jen Edwards	Jen Edwards
Greeter	Janis Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Linda Black
Lector	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Fred Ayers	Luther Myers
Offering Ushers	Janis Hagert Rogers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Judy Bixler Linda Black
Communion	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Fred Ayers	Jeanne Swain

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday February 5 Presentation of Our Lord	Sunday February 12 257 th Anniversary	Sunday February 19	Sunday, February 26 Transfiguration
Head Usher	Amanda Yingling	Amanda Yingling	Amanda Yingling	Amanda Yingling
Altar Guild	Laurie Miller Steve Miller	Laurie Miller Steve Miller	Laurie Miller Steve Miller	Laurie Miller Steve Miller
Greeters	Scouts	Betty Miller Pam Newton	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Scouts	Russell Jensen	Denise Rickell	Carolyn Hamlet
Offering Ushers	Scouts	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wufforst	John Popp Ernest Weiss Barb Yingling Gene Yingling
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank	Susan Burnette Christine Crouch Tony Mancuso Bart Walder	Susan Burnette Wendy Maloney Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips	Susan Burnette Jo Fleck Joe Fleck Audrey Shaffer
Acolytes	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt	Jordan Bosnick Willis Kiler	Tanner Eckhardt Austin Gregg
Crucifer	TBD	-----	-----	Ashton Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Denise Rickell	Christine Crouch	Bob Nicoll	Connie Dattilio
Bell Ringer	Joe Fleck	Ernest Weiss	Brian Kremen	Gene Yingling

March 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday March 4 Lent 1	Saturday March 11 Lent 2	Saturday March 18 Lent 3	Saturday March 25 Lent 4
Head Usher	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette
Greeter	Janis Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Mary Ayers
Lector	Judy Bixler	Luther Myers	Jeanne Swain	Linda Black
Offering Ushers	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Frank Burnette Fred Ayers
Communion	Judy Bixler	Susan Burnette	Jeanne Swain	Linda Black

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday March 5 Lent 1	Sunday March 12 Lent 2	Sunday March 19 Lent 3	Sunday, March 26 Lent 4
Head Usher	Todd Robinson	Todd Robinson	Todd Robinson	Todd Robinson
Altar Guild	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller
Greeters	Tony Mancuso Pam Newton	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Linda Gregg Bart Walder	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Bob Nicoll	Christine Crouch	John Gregg	Barbara Guthrie
Offering Ushers	Andy Kiler Brian Kremen Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	John Popp Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Ernest Weiss
Communion	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Denise Rickell Audrey Shaffer	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Rhonda Kiler	Susan Burnette Jeremy Edwards Sandy Voight Bart Walder	Susan Burnette Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips Denise Rickell
Acolytes	Jordan Bisnick Willis Kiler	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt	Tanner Eckhardt Austin Gregg	Jordan Bosnick Willis Kiler
Pray w/ Pastor	Denise Rickell	Christine Crouch	Bob Nicoll	Connie Dattilio
Bell Ringer	Frank Burnette	Bart Walder	Ernest Weiss	Brian Kremen

~Ash Wednesday 7pm Service~
March 1

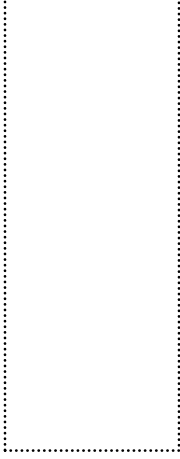
Head Usher	Amanda Yingling
Altar Guild	Sandy Voight
Greeters	Judy Bixler Linda Black
Lector	Pete Wulforst
Offering Ushers	Frank Burnette Norman Downes Audrey Shaffer Brenda Wulforst
Communion Stewards	Susan Burnette Christine Crouch Debbie Hebrank Tony Mancuso
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NOTE: The Worship Assistant Schedules are subject to change during any weekend service above. Reminder emails or phone calls are sent each week. Should you be unable to fulfill your duty responsibility ~ CONTACT Susan Burnette (sb31220@gmail.com)

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