



The VISITOR

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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.

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From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Troubles are often like grapes: they come in bunches! Only a few days ago as I write this, we said farewell to a beloved church member, Chris Sigel. Now we are preparing for another goodbye, this one the very sudden loss of another beloved member, Harry Arbaugh. Our hearts go out to their families in their time of grieving, and many of us are grieving along with them.

Amidst these losses, two of our key congregational leaders, Jen and Jeremy Edwards, have resigned their positions and will be taking some time away from Immanuel with their children, Madelyn and Ryan, to relieve their ministry fatigue and to seek God's will for their family's spiritual growth. God's will may lead them to another congregation where they can grow together in Christ or may lead them back to Immanuel which has been their church home for many years. It breaks my heart that they feel the need to leave, but I believe and trust that the God they love and have served so faithfully here at Immanuel will guide them to the place God has in mind for them. Let us continue to hold them in prayer as they take the next step in their journey of faith. As confident as I am that God will provide for them, I am equally confident that God will provide for Immanuel as we keep ourselves open to God's will through the LEAD journey we are on together and in other ways.

Please keep all our congregational leaders in your prayers in the coming weeks, including council members and officers, committee members, Sunday School teachers and staff as we seek new leadership and consider how we can more effectively support and spiritually nurture all our leaders, all our parents and children, and those of every age whom God guides into our community of faith.

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If the Holy Spirit taps you on the shoulder while you are praying and nudges you to get involved in any of these forms of leadership yourself, please let me or any council member know. We will be more than happy to help!

Yours in the Love of Christ,

~Pastor Charlie

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW AT IMMANUEL

No previous knowledge of the Bible is required for any Bible study

***SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Lectionary Bible Study

Meets weekly throughout the year in the Martin Luther Room following the worship service, approximately 10:15 – 11:15am. On coffee hour Sundays, we meet 10:45 – 11:30am. Each week we explore the Gospel reading for the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome, and no previous knowledge of the Bible is needed.

***MIDWEEK PRAYER**

AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: 1 & 2 Peter: Courage in the Times of Trouble
Our two Bible study groups are on slightly different schedules. The morning group is finishing up "All About Angels." The evening group is beginning a new study of 1st and 2nd Peter, providing guidance and encouragement for those going through dark and difficult times. Please join us! No previous knowledge of the Bible is needed.

Tuesday Morning Group will meet in the Oak Tree Room at 11am throughout February.

Evening Group will meet at the Pastor's home at 7pm
(840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158)
on Tues Feb 5, Wed Feb 13 and Tuesdays Feb 19 & 26.

***CONFIRMATION CLASS:** The Lord's Prayer

Confirmation Class meets Sundays at 7pm throughout February in the church office. This year we are exploring the Small Catechism. In February we will continue our study of the Lord's Prayer.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING

Pastor offers individual prayer at the communion rail, with anointing and laying of hands for healing for those who desire it before each service.

MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP



Rev. Wal Reat is our ELCA Global Missionary. He serves in South Sudan among the refugees in several camps along the border between South Sudan and Ethiopia.

Keep Rev. Wal in your prayers.

ARE YOU RECEIVING PASTOR CHARLIE'S WEEKLY EMAIL?

If you would like to receive a weekly message from Pastor Charlie with reminders about what's happening at Immanuel, please submit your email address to pastorc@ielcmd.org.

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.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tyler Mullins is planning a day trip to Gettysburg to tour the battlefield and have a meal at General Picketts buffet. The trip is tentatively planned for April.

Tyler is also looking into a summer trip to Hershey Park.

VISIT OUR CHURCH WEBSITE: *IELCMD.ORG*

*Pastor's sermons: Listen to the pastor's sermon

*Most recent bulletins and newsletters

*Donations: Immanuel secure online giving service *And more!

BOOK EXCHANGE AND PAINTED ROCKS

Outside of the church office is a stand that holds a Book Exchange and Painted Rocks. Feel free to take one or leave one.

We hope to spread kindness through painted rocks! Most of these rocks were painted this summer during our 'Kids Feeding Kids' program.

Take a Rock. Hide the rock. When people find it, they can keep it to be inspired every time they see it or they can hide it again for someone else to find.

Spread Kindness ☺



THANKS

Thank you so much to Pastor Charlie and my friends of Immanuel for your prayers and concerns and cards during my recent recovery from my fall.

~Bonnie Hull

The Arbaugh and Myers family wishes to thank everyone for their kindness during the sudden death of my husband, Harry.

Again, thank you all.

~Jean Arbaugh

A donation designated to the Building Fund received in memory of my great-grandparents, Bill and Florence Hunt by Ashley Burnette

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Donations received in memory of Ginny Sellers from

Tom & Jane Taylor

Ardice & Jennifer Holbrook—designated to the Kitchen Fund

Donation received in memory of Chris Sigel from

Doris Dell

Donations received in memory of Harry Arbaugh from

Janet Patterson and family

Doris Dell

Frank & Susan Burnette—designated to the Building Fund

DEATHS

Kerry Flanagan, friend of Brenda and Pete Wulforst

Doris Smith, sister of Luther Myers

Christine Sigel, wife of David

Harry Arbaugh, husband of Jean

PASTOR CHARLIE'S FEBRUARY BIBLE CHALLENGE:

Jesus Begins

The season of Epiphany focuses on the beginnings of Jesus' ministry in Galilee: teaching, healing, casting out demons, and driving his opponents crazy! Our Bible Challenge will take us straight through chapters 4-8 of the Gospel according to Luke. The online Bible Study will continue with daily comments from Pastor Charlie on Facebook. Email him at pastorc@ielcmd.org if you would like to join this private group, or if you would like to receive copies via email of the comments he posts there for each day.

2/1 Luke 4:1-13	2/11 Luke 6:1-11	2/21 Luke 7:36-50
2/2 Luke 4:14-21	2/12 Luke 6:12-19	2/22 Luke 8:1-8
2/3 Luke 4:22-30	2/13 Luke 6: 20-26	2/23 Luke 8:9-15
2/4 Luke 4:31-37	2/14 Luke 6:27-36	2/24 Luke 8:16-21
2/5 Luke 4:38-44	2/15 Luke 6:37-42	2/25 Luke 8:22-25
2/6 Luke 5:1-11	2/16 Luke 6:43-49	2/26 Luke 8:26-39
2/7 Luke 5:12-16	2/17 Luke 7:1-10	2/27 Luke 8:40-48
2/8 Luke 5:17-26	2/18 Luke 7:11-17	2/28 Luke 8:49-56
2/9 Luke 5:27-32	2/19 Luke 7:18-23	
2/10 Luke 5:33-39	2/20 Luke 7:24-35	

Scouts 320

IMMANUEL CHURCH SPONSORS #320

TROOP 320

Scoutmaster: Walt Feezer 410-239-1176, coremedia@comcast.net

Chartered Organization Rep: Jen Edwards 443-883-6138, jen@iostreaminfo.com

Committee Chair: Jessica Vogelsang 410-967-6475 cell, jessica.vogelsang9@gmail.com



The troop calendar has upcoming trips and events, to include winter camping, fishing, hiking, LaserTag and more adventures posted online at <http://www.mdtroop320.org/index.php/calendar/>.

Please reach out if there are any service projects or ways that either the Troop or Pack can be of assistance.

PACK 320

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FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

Members: Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320; Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753; Brittany Trott

The Fellowship Committee is excited to begin a new year at Immanuel. We extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join the Fellowship Committee. Please reach out and contact anyone on this committee.

We do a lot of fun activities during the year and always welcome anyone who would like to help with any of these events. We also invite suggestions for any new events you might want to sponsor at Immanuel. These events are a great way to get to know your church family better and bring in the community to Immanuel.

Thank you to everyone who helped with any of our events and continue to do so. Immanuel is stronger due to your continued participation.

The following events are scheduled for February and March:

Feb 10th — Coffee Hour. (NOTE: Coffee Hour is *not* on Feb 3). Bishop Gohl will be involved in our anniversary service that morning. Our committee is planning a light brunch immediately following the 9am service. Please join us to celebrate Immanuel's 259th anniversary.

March 3rd — Coffee Hour. Please consider signing up to bring something. There is a signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary for the next 4 months. You can bring a store bought item, fruit, pastries, bagels, cheese etc. Keep it simple and make it easy. It is more about sharing some conversation with your church family than the food. Food and coffee bring our congregation together especially when you missed breakfast that morning!

March 5th — Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Once again the meal will include 3 kinds of pancakes, sausages, and of course fastnaughts. We will also serve a variety of toppings for pancakes. Children are welcome to come dressed in costume to celebrate "Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras style". Everyone had fun last year. Please come and enjoy a delicious dinner and celebrate the beginning of Lent. We will start serving at 6:00pm.

March 13th — Lenten Soup meals. Soup and Bible study will be offered at noon and in the evening. Two kinds of soup, bread, fruit and beverages will be provided. We are hoping to have members from our cooperative congregations join us during the Lenten season.

Please refer to your weekly bulletin for weekly updates and additional information, as available. Signup sheets will be coming soon for all of these events. We hope you will join us during this special time.

LEAD

Chris Crouch, Facilitator

John Gregg, Pastor Charlie, Debbie Miller, Debbie Mace, Terri Rill

LEAD – Living Everyday As Disciples

The LEAD group has been continuing with our next phase of Listening to God in our congregation by working with small focus groups to review and discuss the results of the congregational survey that was completed in October. We have met with several small groups over the past two months and have several more scheduled for the remainder of January and beginning weeks of February. We want to thank all who have participated in these group meetings and really appreciate your open and honest assessment of the survey results and also the suggestions made to better connect with our congregation members and eventually the neighborhood.

This has been a learning and an eye opening experience listening to the different views on how we currently see our Church/congregation and how we feel we are known by the neighborhood. Also, what we want to be known for and how to implement actions to achieve this to help us grow. We are a blessed congregation with loving and caring members that want to do God's good works. Together we can accomplish our goals of being a welcoming congregation and continue to grow through forming relationships and providing services that are needed within our Church and neighborhood.

After our final focus group meetings are completed, we will reflect on what we have learned and then move on to our next phase of listening to God in our neighborhood. It will be interesting to see how well in tuned we, as a congregation, are to the needs and expectations of the neighborhood.

We ask for continued prayers for our LEAD team and also our Church as a whole that we can continue to grow and serve as God asks us.

Blessings,
Your LEAD Team



MISSIONS

Joe Fleck, jpflecksr@gmail.com, 410-848-5919

The monthly mission for February 2019 is *Carroll Lutheran School*.

Carroll Lutheran School (CLS) is our baby! It began as a dream shared by the congregations of our Westminster Conference and opened its doors in September, 2000. 18 years later CLS is still owned by the Conference congregations, including Immanuel, as an extension of our ministry to families in Carroll County.

CLS is among the best schools in Carroll County and provides a quality education where the love of Christ sets the tone to develop, cultivate, and nurture all aspects of learning, including spiritual, academic and social. CLS provides special scholarship support for members of the Westminster Conference congregations, so that families will be able to afford to send their children.

CLS is experiencing financial challenges right now, and needs to boost enrollment and to receive financial support from the community and especially from Immanuel and other Conference congregations. Please spread the word about CLS to families with school age children, and please give generously to CLS through this monthly mission offering. CLS's mission is "Exceptional Education, Formed in Faith." Lets help to ensure that CLS will continue to carry out its mission for more years to come!

Remember:

Make checks payable to Immanuel Church. Use your Special Offering envelopes or be sure to make note of the designation.

Donations for the assigned mission are collected for the entire month. After our bank reconciliation, one check is issued to the organization.

Carroll Lutheran School

1738 Old Taneytown Road Westminster, MD 21158
(410) 848-1050 www.clsedu.org info@carrolllutheranschool.org

Check out the website - and schedule a visit today!

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Chair: Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320

Members: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028;

Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753, Amanda Yingling, 717-880-5215

NESAP/TOFF sends out a monthly newsletter to churches in the area. They share specific items they are in need of for their food pantry.

For February, we are collecting egg noodles. Labeled baskets are in the Narthex. Please consider picking up an extra bag of egg noodles (sold at the Dollar Store!) to donate. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

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

NORTH EAST SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM

1046 S. Carroll St., Hampstead, MD 21074 www.nesapinc.org 410-374-9099

Lynn Sheavly: Executive Director, nesap.director@gmail.com,

DISCOUNT CARDS

The deals on this card are valid through Dec 1, 2019. Cards are available at NESAP's Thrift Store and are only \$5! Fifteen area merchants have offered to honor their "deal" listed on the card each time the card is presented until it expires. The participating area merchants are:

The Snowbar

Ricky's Bistro

Fortune Inn

Bertuccio's Bakery

Greenmount Bowl

Spargos

Snickerdoodles

Pizza Hut

J&P

JJ Hoffman's

Matthews Tire & Auto Svcs

Outlaw BBQ

Steam' Mad Crabs

Genova's To Go

Petals Flowers and Gifts

CHRISTIAN ED

Jen Edwards, 443-883-6138, jen@iostreaminfo.com
Jeanne Swain, Angie Eckhardt, Jen Robinson, Sandy Voight

****Remember to bring in a canned food item to Sunday School each week as your offering. Items will keep the 'Little Free Pantry' stocked!****

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Looking for substitute teachers for dates when we know *in advance* a teacher cannot make it. The curriculum and craft/game will be provided.

ITALIAN DINNER

On Saturday, February 2nd, we will host our annual Italian dinner starting at 5:30pm. Youth are needed to serve as waiters and waitresses as well as hosts. Please RSVP to confirm you can participate. Tickets will again be a \$5 each as donation Signup sheets are in the back of the sanctuary.

(snow date is March 2)



At Mar-Lu-Ridge, campers of all ages experience and engage in cooperative learning while participating in new activities, all in a safe, non-threatening, non-competitive, and hands-on environment that builds campers' confidence along with an understanding of what it means to live as a community in Christ. MLR welcomes all people to a mountaintop experience of Christian community that changes lives, makes disciples, builds friendships, and encourages care of God's creation.

Open house dates in **2019: March 17th and May 19th** from 2–4:30pm. No appointment is necessary, just come and check us out! If those dates do not work, please call us at 1.800.238.9974 to set up a personal tour.

**** REGISTER NOW! ****

2019 Summer Camp Registration is open! Early Bird savings of \$35 off each camp are in effect until February 18th. (does not apply to Day Camps)

www.mar-lu-ridge.org

We all want to see our youth grow and learn with Christ. There is a special individual at Immanuel that feels time at Mar Lu Ridge will help with this important mission. We are so blessed that this individual has offered to cover the cost of summer camp.

Please visit their website to view the brochure, camp description and session dates. Some camps fill up sooner than others - so we encourage you to register early. Simply send your completed registration form to Rachel in the church office and she will process your registration.

Again, we are blessed by the generosity of the anonymous donor and hope that you participate! If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel.

CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753 Vice President: Frank Burnette

Recording Secretary: Sarah Marshall; Treasurer: Sharon Slivecky

Your Church Council met Tuesday, January 8, 2019. The following business was conducted.

NEW BUSINESS

- The first order of business was the nomination and election of the Executive Board for the next 3 years. The following council members were elected to serve Immanuel for 2019-2021.
 - President—Brenda Wulforst
 - Vice President—Frank Burnette
 - Recording Secretary—Sarah Marshall
 - Treasurer—Sharon Slivecky
- Christine Crouch, a member of Immanuel's LEAD team addressed the council. Chris briefed the council on the LEAD process and scheduled a Focus Group meeting for council members not involved in other focus group meetings. Council's group will meet in January at a convenient time for those involved.
- Council was presented with a request from Jerusalem Bachman Valley to use Immanuel's Sanctuary for a wedding ceremony. Jerusalem is too small to accommodate the ceremony of a member in good standing. Church council approved member rates for use of the building/sanctuary for members of our partner congregations. These congregations are St Paul's Upperco, St Mark's Snydersburg and Jerusalem Bachman Valley Road.

OLD BUSINESS

- A second follow up meeting with Manchester Town Police Department was scheduled for January 16 at 1:30. This meeting will produce an evaluation of our buildings and CRASE training will be scheduled.
- The Social Ministry committee has taken the lead on contacting our Westminster representative of THRIVENT, Greg McCarty to gain information concerning utilizing THRIVENT \$\$\$\$\$. Some of our previous usage has not met established criteria. We anticipate a presentation to the congregation in the next few weeks.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS ... in the area

YOUTH MINISTRY

Events planned in cooperation with the congregations of Immanuel Lutheran, Jerusalem Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran (and hopefully more to come!).

The entire congregations (not just the youth) are welcome to join us on any or all of these activities! Bring a friend too!

February 2 -Spaghetti Dinner at Immanuel

February 16 -1pm Co-op church meeting at Jerusalem Church

February 17 -Snow tubing at Liberty 2-4 pm

Contact Angie Eckhardt for more information and to RSVP.

Email to Angie_Eckhardt@verizon.net or Call/text 410-215-8894.

February 22 -Italian Dinner at St. Paul's (snow date Mar 1)



Mario's Italian Restaurant is open for one night.

Please accept this as your special invite!!



Come and see something strange

The kids doing the work for a change!

Join us between 5:30 and 7:30pm and take a seat.

Then St Paul's Youth will serve something to eat.

Other desserts are available to purchase, so take home and share.

We sure do hope to see you there!

Ticket Cost: by donations. Proceeds help us go to the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2021. Contact Rachel Murphy for more information.

March -An overnight event is being planned

April 22 -Easter Monday trip to Mount Vernon

Please attend these great events so we continue to plan more!

PLEASANT GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

invites you to a Men's Retreat on Feb 9th.

15300 Dover Rd., Reisterstown, MD 21136 Phone: 410-429-5080

Pleasantgroveumcmd.org pleasantgroveumcmd@gmail.com



A Hot Lunch will be served by
the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Women.

More information can be found at

www.pleasantgroveumcmd.org

"The Gospel costs nothing. You can't earn it or buy it. It can only be received as a free gift which is compliments of God's grace. It doesn't cost anything, but it demands everything. It demands that we go "all in," putting all that we have into God's hands. And that's where we get stuck—in spiritual no man's land. We're afraid that if we go all in that we might miss out on what this life has to offer. It's not true. The only thing you'll miss out on is everything God has to offer. And the good news is this: if you don't hold out on God, God won't hold out on you."



FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Missions Special Offering 9am Worship / Communion (Coffee Hour NEXT Week) 10:15am Adult Bible Study 10:30am SS meet with LEAD 7pm Confirmation	3 7pm Den Scout Mtg 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	4 11am Bible Study - Oak Tree Rm 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home 7pm Scouts	5 7:15pm AA	6 Pastor Retreat Day 7pm Adult Choir Practice	7 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	8 Church Anniversary Weekend 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
9 Church Anniversary Weekend 9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Brunch Reception 10:45am Adult Bible Study 10:45am Sunday School 7pm Confirmation	10 9am Work Day 7pm Den Scout Mtg 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	11 11am Bible Study - Oak Tree Rm 7pm Church Council Meeting 7pm Scouts	12 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home 7:15pm AA	13 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	14 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	15 Social Hall Reserved 1pm Co-op Church Mtg 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Adult Bible Study 2-4pm Snow Tubing 7pm Confirmation	17 7pm Den Scout Mtg 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	18 11am Bible Study - Oak Tree Rm 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home 7pm Scouts	19 10:30am Stephen Ministry 7:15pm AA	20 Pastor Day Off 5:30pm St Paul's Youth Mario's Italian Restaurant 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	21 Pastor Day Off 5:30pm St Paul's Youth Mario's Italian Restaurant 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	22 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Adult Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 7pm Confirmation	24 7pm Den Scout Mtg 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	25 11am Bible Study - Oak Tree Rm 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home 7pm Scouts	26 7:15pm AA	27 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	28 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	29 9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Adult Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 7pm Confirmation

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Chair: Jo Fleck

Members: Jeanne Swain, Matthew Rooney

On behalf of the KIT ministry I would like to thank every volunteer who made a visit or reached out to a member of Immanuel during 2018. We had another fruitful year of visitations conducted by this ministry. During 2018 the KIT volunteers reached out on 55 different occasion to members of Immanuel either through a visitation, phone call, or written card.

Each member of Immanuel on our visitation list was contacted twice and some a third time during 2018. The Administration team continually receives positive feedback and the members of Immanuel truly enjoy and appreciate these visitations. Throughout 2018 the KIT volunteers brought conversation, church bulletins, sent cards, and even Easter baskets to those they visited. The KIT administrative team works with Pastor Charlie and if necessary, the Stephen Ministers to address any further needs that are brought to light during these visitations.

2019 brings new goals for KIT as we have broadened this ministries vision and impact within Immanuel. We will continue to visit members of Immanuel who may not be able to worship with us but in addition to this the team will now reach out to those who's faces we have not seen in a while. For this reason, the KIT team is *looking for eager volunteers* to visit or contact designated members of Immanuel.

If you would like to find out more about this ministry, please contact anyone on the KIT team. We hope you consider joining our team!

~Thanks, Matthew

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Leader: Connie Dattilio, 717-637-7157

Members: Evonne Brillhart, Christine Crouch, Bonnie Hull,
Gretchen Jensen, Audrey Shaffer, Pastor Charlie

Stephen Ministry met December 19th at Fratelli's Restaurant for their annual Christmas party. A fun time was had by all.

Since our November meeting we had assigned more care receivers to our Stephen Ministers. Currently all our ministers are assigned to at least one care receiver.

Because of losing Bob Nicoll as a Stephen Minister we are in great need of male care givers. At this time we cannot give assistance to men who are asking for help. Please consider our ministry.

If again you are needing reassurance of God's love or are struggling with any type of concern, please contact Connie Dattilio at 717-637-7157 or Pastor Charlie. All visits are completely confidential. Please contact us for further information.

MUTUAL MINISTRY

Chair: Rodgers Hagert

Members: Brittany Trott, Amanda Yingling, Sandy Voight, Pastor Charlie

Bob Nicoll has stepped down as Chair of the Mutual Ministry Committee and Rodgers Hagert has assumed his duties.

Thanks Bob, for a job well done!

The volume of inputs has been light as of this report and we have addressed all outstanding issues.

The Pastoral/Family health and balance are well under control.

Our committee will maintain the same schedule as in the past, meeting every other month.

We continue to monitor the "Congregational Input Box" in the rear of the church. Write-on cards can be found the pew racks or near the "Box".

CHURCH SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Mutual Ministry Committee has assumed the responsibility to coordinate the development of a strategic church safety and security plan. This would include our response in the event of an "active shooter" threat. As in the case of the recent Pittsburgh Synagogue shooting, it is clear these incursions can not be predicted.

We met on January 16th with two Officers from the Manchester Police Department who toured our facilities and made security recommendations for us to consider.

More information to follow as we try to schedule a presentation to review our plans with the congregation.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Susan Burnette, 410-357-9466, sb31220@gmail.com, Chair, Harmony Choir
 Jerry Hoffman, 410-374-2565, Organist~Adult Choir Director
 Judy Bixler, 717-632-1805, Saturday Evening Service
 Jennifer Holbrook, 410-374-6401, Acolyte Instructor
 Sandy Voight, 410-239-9428, Altar Guild, Chime Choir Contact
 Wayne Thomas, 410-374-9538, Adult & Luther Men Choirs
 Amanda Yingling, 717-880-5215, Children's Choir Coordinator

LOOKING AHEAD ... Save these Dates !

February 2-3

Special Missions Offering collected for '*Carroll Lutheran School*'
 (Coffee Hour is a Brunch Reception on Feb 10)

February 9-10

Bishop Gohl participating Immanuel's 259th Anniversary @ 5pm and 9am
 Archives Gallery Walk open –
 Sunday Brunch Reception in Social Hall (in place of Feb 3 Coffee Hour)

March 2-3

Transfiguration Services @ 5pm and 9am

Wed, March 6

Ash Wednesday Services @ 1pm and 7pm



2018 MONTHLY ATTENDANCES & AVERAGES

Month	Monthly Attendance	Weekend Average
January	435	108
February	*468/413	103
March	*590/472	118
April	*650	130
May	417	104
June	368	92
July	411	82
August	342	86
September	455	91
October	341	85
November	*391/351	88
December	*703/456	91

- (Feb 14) Ash Wednesday 1pm/7pm
- (March 31/April 1) 3 Easter services, 5pm/7am/9am
- (Nov 21) Thanksgiving Eve 7pm
- (Dec 21) Longest Night service 7pm
- (Mon Dec 24) Christmas Eve services 3pm/7pm/9pm

DECEMBER 2018 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Worship Dates:	Sat/Sun Attendances:	Remarks:
Wkend, Dec 1-2	20 + 58 = 78	Advent 1
Wkend, Dec 8-9	30 + 68 = 98	Advent 2
Wkend, Dec 15-16	16 + 95 = 111	Advent 3, SS program
Friday, Dec 21	12	Longest Night Service
Wkend, Dec 22-23	17 + 69 = 86	Advent 4
Christmas Eve, Dec 24	73	3pm Afternoon Service
Christmas Eve, Dec 24	87	7pm Family Service
Christmas Eve, Dec 24	86	9pm Candlelight Service
Wkend, Dec 29-30	18 + 65 = 83	Lessons & Carols
All Service Totals	703	
5 Weekend Totals	456	
Weekend Average	91	5 Sat/5 Sun

ATTENDANCE of PAST CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

YEAR	3pm Afternoon Service	7pm Family Service	9pm Candlelight Service
2014	-----	155	135
2015	-----	137	140
2016	92	99	108
2017	92	85	78
2018	73	87	86

FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD

Ellen Linsenbardt
Sandy Voight

FEBRUARY HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm: Susan Burnette
Sundays at 9am: Brittany Trott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, IMMANUEL

Immanuel will celebrate her 259th birthday during the weekend services of February 9th and 10th. Bishop Gohl will be attending and participating at both services. Our rich heritage began one cold winter day, on Feb 12, 1760, when a small group of German-speaking Lutheran men gathered in a log cabin, not far from the old Oak Tree. Our Archives, displayed in the auditorium, relate this story through preserved handmade quilts, old German bibles, pictorial displays of former pastors, glass cabinets of 'retired' sterling communion chalices and ornate communion cloths from earlier years of service along with many other donated items. 'Walk' through this history by reminiscing over albums of photographs, letters and moments of former Sunday School classes, catechism classes, Luther League youth group gatherings and Ladies Aid Society preparing their delicious meals in the Social Hall, along with many newspaper clippings saved to remember Immanuel through the years! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, IMMANUEL!!**



TRANSFIGURATION

The **Transfiguration of Our Lord** will be held on **Sunday, March 3rd** at the 9am service. This festival is a bridge between the Advent ~ Christmas ~ Epiphany cycle, which comes to a close, and the Lenten ~ Easter cycle that begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Luke's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But, now Jesus' three closest friends hear, on the Mount of Transfiguration, the same words naming him ~ *God's beloved Son!* At the conclusion of our March 3rd, Transfiguration Service, the 'alleluia' portion of our liturgy will be '*buried*' or omitted during the six-week season of Lent and will be sung again on Easter Weekend!

ASH WEDNESDAY

The **Season of Lent begins** on **Wednesday, March 6th, at 1pm and 7pm** for our **Ash Wednesday Services**. This solemn service of Devotions, Impositions of Ashes and Holy Communion will usher in our Lenten journey to Easter and the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Plan to attend one of these Ash Wednesday Services at Immanuel with your friends and family.



LENT 2019

Our **Lenten Weekend Services**, beginning on **March 9-10**, guide us on a six-week journey to Jerusalem for the Passion Saturday and Palm Sunday weekend, April 13-14. Make a commitment to follow the path Jesus took on his way to Calvary. Worship with Immanuel during the Season of Lent.

FEBRUARY LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES ...

Available for your home Bible Study.
Join us as we read through the month of February.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
Jan 28 – Feb 3	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalms 71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
Feb 4 – 10	Isaiah 6:1-13	Psalms 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
Feb 11 – 17	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalms 1	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
Feb 18 – 24	Genesis 45:3-11,15	Psalms 37:1-11,39-40	1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50	Luke 6:27-38

~ ALTAR VASES ~

CENTER ARRANGEMENT ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS SPONSORSHIP

The 2019 Flower Sponsorship Calendar is posted outside the church office for your sponsorships. Complete your choice(s) by signing up and completing the information needed on the forms available. Include your payment option and seal in the supplied envelopes. Place this sponsorship in the W&M basket on the lamp table in the office by the Wednesday prior to your reserved date to insure inclusion into the weekly bulletin.



Sponsorship Prices:

\$60 BOTH VASES

\$30 ONE VASE

\$30 CENTER ARRANGEMENT

\$20 Lessons & Prayers

You are encouraged to **CO-Sponsor** with a family member or friend to reduce the cost.

If you wish to be added, please notify Susan Burnette.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sam Guthrie	5	Pam Miller	8	Ron Davidson	17
Earl Nace	5	Brenda Murray	9	Brian Yingling	17
Luther Myers	7	Jacob McCarty	13	Ellen Stickles	20
Katie Taylor	7	Katharyn Black	14	Christian Adami	24
Sarah Marshall	8	Ryleigh Hoffman	14		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

MUSIC MINISTRY @ IMMANUEL

Been thinking about it ??

Consider becoming a part of the *Music Ministry at Immanuel!*

We currently support five various groups:

- ~The Sunday Adult Choir
- ~ The Chime Choir
- ~ The Luther Men
- ~ The Children's Choir
- ~ The Women's Harmony Choir

If you are not able to commit to regular practices at this time, but could participate occasionally during the year, please contact:

Jerry Hoffman (*Organist/Adult Choir Director*)

Sandy Voight (*Chime Choir contact*)

Wayne Thomas (*Luther Men*)

Amanda Yingling (*Children's Choir coordinator*)

Susan Burnette (*Harmony Choir contact*)

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, just your help to 'make a joyful noise'!

- ~**Sunday Adult Choir** hold weekly practice on Thursdays from 7to 8pm
- ~**Chime Choir** is reorganizing— **Stay tuned for updates
- ~**Luther Men** sing quarterly, practice scheduled when needed
- ~**Children's Choir** sing quarterly, practice Sunday mornings when needed
- ~**Women's Harmony Choir** sing quarterly, practice scheduled when needed

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

February 2019 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday February 2 Epiphany 4	Saturday February 9 259 th Anniv Wkend	Saturday February 16 Epiphany 6	Saturday February 23 Epiphany 7
Head Usher	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette
Greeter	Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Sharon Bohli
Lector	Luther Myers	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Frank Burnette
Offering Ushers	Frank Burnette Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Sharon Bohli Cindy Ganjon
Communion	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette	Susan Burnette

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday February 3 Epiphany 4	Sunday February 10 259 th Anniv Wkend	Sunday February 17 Epiphany 6	Sunday February 24 Epiphany 7
Head Usher	Brittany Trott	Brittany Trott	Brittany Trott	Brittany Trott
Altar Guild	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer
Greeters	Betty Miller Kathleen Regester	Jane Taylor Bart Walder	Carolyn Kittelberger John Popp	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Joe Fleck	Bob Nicoll	Carolyn Phillips	Pete Wulforst
Offering Ushers	Jennifer Edwards Jeremy Edwards Audrey Shaffer Sandy Voight	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Terri Rill Tim Rill	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Tyler Mullins Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Ernest Weiss
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Christine Crouch Norman Downes	Susan Burnette Wendy Maloney Audrey Shaffer Bart Walder	Susan Burnette Connie Dattilio Carroll Phillips Barb Yingling	Susan Burnette Debbie Hebrank Rhonda Kiler Sandy Voight
Acolytes	Madelyn Edwards Danica Reiley	Dylan Andrews Ava Yingling	Ryan Edwards Kyle Robinson	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Christine Crouch	Bob Nicoll	Connie Dattilio	Gretchen Jensen
Bell Ringer	Ernest Weiss	Joe Fleck	Gene Yingling	Frank Burnette

NOTE: The Worship Assistant Schedules are subject to change during any weekend service. Reminder emails and/or phone calls are sent each week. Should you be unable to fulfill your responsibility, please contact Susan Burnette at sb31220@gmail.com or 410-357-9466.

March 2019 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday March 2 Transfiguration Wkend	Saturday March 9 Lent 1	Saturday March 16 Lent 2	Saturday March 23 Lent 3
Head Usher	Linda Black	Linda Black	Linda Black	Linda Black
Greeter	Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Sharon Bohli
Lector	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler	Luther Myers	Linda Black
Offering Ushers	Rodgers Hagert Ellen Linsenbardt	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Sharon Bohli Ellen Linsenbardt
Communion	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Judy Bixler

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday March 3 Transfiguration	Sunday March 10 Lent 1	Sunday March 17 Lent 2	Sunday March 24 Lent 3	Sunday March 31 Lent 4
Head Usher	Tim Rill	Tim Rill	Tim Rill	Tim Rill	Tim Rill
Altar Guild	Laurie Miller Steve Miller	Laurie Miller Steve Miller	Laurie Miller Steve Miller	Laurie Miller Steve Miller	Laurie Miller Steve Miller
Greeters	Betty Miller Kathleen Regester	Betty Miller Tyler Mullins	Carolyn Kittelberger Bart Walder	John Popp Jane Taylor	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Russell Jensen	Bob Nicoll	Andy Kiler	Carolyn Hamlet	Frank Burnette
Offering Ushers	Christine Crouch John Popp Audrey Shaffer Sandy Voight	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Wendy Maloney Terri Rill	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Jennifer Edwards Jeremy Edwards Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips	Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Brittany Trott Ernest Weiss
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank	Susan Burnette John Gregg Rhonda Kiler Sandy Voight	Susan Burnette Connie Dattilio Jo Fleck Joe Fleck	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Audrey Shaffer Barb Yingling	Susan Burnette Christine Crouch Debbie Hebrank Bart Walder
Acolytes ~ Torchbearers	Madelyn Edwards Danica Reiley	Dylan Andrews Austin Gregg	Willis Kiler Ava Yingling	Ryan Edwards Kyle Robinson	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
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Pray w/ Pastor	Christine Crouch	Bob Nicoll	Connie Dattilio	Gretchen Jensen	Christine Crouch
Bell Ringer	Bart Walder	Ernest Weiss	Joe Fleck	Gene Yingling	Chris Miller

Ash Wednesday, March 6 Worship Assistants

	Afternoon Service @ 1pm	Evening Service @ 7pm
Head Ushers	Rhonda Kiler	Frank Burnette
Altar Guild	TBD	Sandy Voight
Greeters	Linda Black Kathleen Regester	John Popp Bart Walder
Lectors	Pete Wulforst	Christine Crouch
Offering Ushers	Judy Bixler Rodgers Hagert Barb Skelley Bill Skelley	Frank Burnette Norman Downes Laurie Miller Steve Miller
Communion Stewards	Rhonda Kiler Audrey Shaffer Brenda Wulforst Pete Wulforst	Susan Burnette Debbie Hebrank Sandy Voight Barb Yingling
Acolytes	-----	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll	Christine Crouch
Bell Ringer	-----	Gene Yingling

2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

HOW CAN I HELP?

Please check the worship service of your choice and area(s) you would like to volunteer. Contact may be placed in the Music & Worship basket on the lamp table of the church office. Worship Assistant Schedules are posted in each monthly Visitor. Weekly reminder emails or phone calls are sent to remind those of their weekend responsibilities. Thank you for your important participation in our worship services. The Music & Worship Committee

Saturday Services @ 5 pm _____ Sunday Services @ 9 am _____

-> Special Mid-Week/Special Services <- _____

I (We) wish to help: (check those items you wish to volunteer as)

ALTAR GUILD: _____

(Sundays only)

OFFERING USHER: _____

HARVEST HOME _____

(3rd weekend of each September)

GREETER: _____

COMMUNION: _____

HANGING of the GREENS _____

STEWARD

(2nd Sat. of Dec. - decorate)

(2nd Sat. Jan. - undecorate)

HEAD USHER: _____

(Sat &/or Sun)

LECTOR: _____

ACOLYTE: _____

(Sundays only)

BELL RINGER: _____

(both services)

PRAY with PASTOR: _____

(both services)

CRUCIFER: _____

(Sundays, when needed)

SCHEDULE ME (us): _____ once/month _____ 1-2 times/month _____ as needed monthly

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Vacations or Dates Not Available: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell: _____

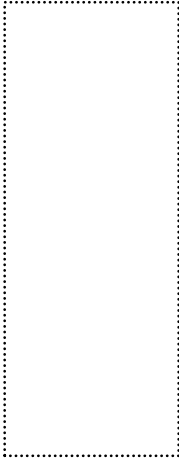
Email: _____ (for duty reminders)

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