

The VISITOR

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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,

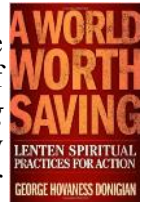
“What are you giving up for Lent?” For centuries this has been a popular question as we approach the 40 day season of Lent, which begins this year on March 1 with Ash Wednesday. Jesus fasted from food and drink for 40 days in the wilderness as he prepared to begin his public ministry, completely emptying himself. During these 40 days we empty ourselves by choosing to go without something that is a regular part of our lives: giving up chocolate, or desserts, or smoking; or giving up some of our free time to devote to bible study and prayer.

During Wednesdays in Lent this year, we will challenge ourselves to a different kind of fast. Following the book *A World Worth Saving* by George Donigan, we will give up the deadly attitude of apathy that so regularly pervades our lives. Instead of focusing on our own self-improvement, we will focus on improving the lives of others. We will empty ourselves of narrow self-concern and open ourselves to the deep, compassionate love of God. As we connect more deeply to God’s love, the Holy Spirit will move us from prayer to action. In fact, our prayer will take the form of action for the sake of others, motivated by love.

During Sundays in Lent, and for our daily devotional reading throughout the season, we will join hundreds of other ELCA congregations by focusing on Martin Luther’s Small Catechism in this 500th Anniversary Year of the Protestant Reformation. My sermon each Sunday in Lent will look at one of the five major sections of the Catechism: Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, Lord’s Prayer, Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. Our devotional book is *Free Indeed!* from Augsburg-Fortress.

I look forward to what will be my first Lenten journey with you, and am excited about where the Holy Spirit will lead us! Yours in the Love of Christ,

~Pastor Charlie



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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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE SURVEY

Last fall, we surveyed the congregation concerning a possible change to our Sunday morning schedule for worship and Sunday School. Of the four options given, two received the most support and were roughly equal in the level of support. One was to keep the schedule as is; the other was to return to a schedule similar to what Immanuel had used for many years before the schedule was changed about 7 years ago, with an early service around 8:30am, Sunday School around 9:45am and late service around 11am. Precise times would be worked out.

The primary reason for moving to the one service was our difficulty sustaining two services with enough volunteers to fill the necessary positions. If we want to consider going back to two services, we would first need firm volunteer commitments from enough people for each of the two worship hours. The decision for now is to continue our current worship and Sunday School schedule, working to build up the congregation and our volunteer base toward the day when we may be ready to add a second service. Please contact the church office or Susan Burnette if you would like to volunteer as a worship assistant (communion server, altar guild, reader, usher, greeter, choir member) at the existing service and/or a future late service.

Thank you to all who participated in the survey. Let me or Susan know if you have any questions or concerns, or use the suggestion box in the back of the sanctuary. ~Pastor



MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP

We 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! **Please keep Rev. Wal in your prayers**, and watch future issues of the Visitor and bulletin for missionary updates from him.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

As of printing, we have a limited number of spots available for children to sign up for summer camp at Mar-Lu-Ridge. Send registration form to Church Office as soon as possible. You will receive notification that the form has been received. Within a week, MLR will send confirmation.

PRINCESS PILLOWCASE PROJECT

This project makes dresses out of pillowcases, sheets and fabric for local missionary groups to deliver. We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at the *North Carroll Senior Center* from 9am to 2:30pm. We iron, sew, cut, organize, make kits and bind and pack ...so there is always a job for everyone!! Upcoming dates are March 8 and March 22. You can bring a bag lunch if you are coming for the day. Sodas and snacks will be provided.

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!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland is seeking caring, reliable people to help deliver meals to your homebound neighbors. Give us 1 hour of your time to deliver nutritious meals on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 11am and 1pm. In sharing a smile along with a little of your time you will make a lasting difference in the life of a homebound senior. To get started please call Volunteer Services at 443-573-0925 or email us at volunteer@mowcm.org. Visit us at www.mealsonwheelsmd.org to apply online and to view all of our volunteer opportunities.



Carroll County Health Dept

Mark your Calendars for these upcoming meetings and events from the Carroll County Health Department: Opioid Prevention Coalition Meetings 9:00 am on **March 8, 2017**, May 10, 2017 and July 12, 2017.

Carroll County Opioid
Prevention Coalition

www.clearthecabinet.com

Carroll County Coalition
Against Underage Drinking

www.carroll-coalition.org

Carroll County Health Department , Bureau of Prevention, Wellness and Recovery, 290 S. Center Street Westminster, MD 21157 . 410-876-4802

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. We will offer two opportunities for people to gather: noon and 6pm.

We will use the book:

A World Worth Saving: Lenten Spiritual Practices for Action. There will be minimal reading in between sessions.

Although it is not necessary to attend all the mid-week gatherings, it is hoped that you will be able to attend most them.

Date	Location	Day Time	Evening Time
Ash Wed, 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



We need your help –

If you are interested in donating soup for our Lenten Suppers, then please contact the Church Office or Rhonda Kiler.

SPECIAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Soup/Study at noon or 6pm at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church. Worship with Disposition of Ashes and Communion at 1pm or 7pm.

Our worship will include the option of walking a labyrinth. The labyrinth dates 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.

Our labyrinth will be built from food cans which will later be donated to NESAP and Tree of Friends foodbanks.

HOLY WEEK

During Holy Week, Trinity and Immanuel are not having joint services, but are inviting each other to our separate services:

6pm Maundy Thursday Agape Meal Communion Service at Immanuel

7pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service at Immanuel

Good Friday Blues Service at Trinity

More details to follow in next months newsletter...

BIBLE CHALLENGE

Welcome to Pastor Charlie's Bible Challenge!

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)

Our focus during Lent will be Martin Luther's Small Catechism, following the devotional book *Free Indeed!*. Daily readings will be from the book, and I will continue the Facebook group to share my comments and stimulate online conversation. Read the April Visitor for the Bible Challenge for the Easter season. ~Pastor Charlie



BIBLE STUDY and PRAYER GROUPS

During Lent, our Bible study groups will meet as part of the Lenten midweek Soup and Study series at 12pm and 6pm following the schedule found elsewhere in this issue.

Tuesdays at 11 – 11:30am: Centering Prayer

During Lent, Pastor Charlie invites any who would like to join him for a special way of praying called Centering Prayer. This silent time of prayer and meditation helps us open our hearts to God's presence and become fully present to God ourselves, learning to let go of all the things that so often distract us. Pastor Charlie will lead us through the very simple process of Centering Prayer, when we can take with us and practice on our own throughout the week. Come and experience it for yourself!

THANKS

Donations through the Thrivent Choice program
received by John Popp and Mary Popp

Donation to the Kitchen Fund
received from Dorothy Townshend

Donation received in memory of Joe Milton and Naomi Snyder
from Dessie Ann Hann

DEATHS

William Wells

July 20, 1921 - January 16, 2017

Leroy Mullins

May 29, 1959 - February 12, 2017

Arlene Yingling

May 15, 1947 - February 16, 2017

FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

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

Many thanks to everyone
who has taken the time to attend the Coffee Hours.



On February 5th we honored the Scouts and
on February 12th we celebrated Immanuel's 257th birthday.

Our Coffee Hours are a success due to the help we receive constantly from
our congregation to bake, shop or setup for the coffee hour.

We are planning an Agape Meal on Holy Thursday at 6pm, where Trinity
will be joining us.

On Easter Sunday, April 16th we will serve breakfast after the 7am service.
It will consist of three types of pancakes, sausages, eggs and pastries.
What a great way to help your family have some time to relax by having
breakfast at Immanuel. You don't have to shop, cook or clean up. Just
come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with others.

There will be a sign up at the back of the sanctuary to sign up. We look
forward to seeing you on Easter Sunday.



We could use your help!

If you are interested in donating soup for our Lenten Soup
Suppers, then please contact the Church Office or Rhonda Kiler.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

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)

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 cohoffman22@gmail.com. *Meeting on March 5*

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry in which the minister is assigned to care receivers who need spiritual assistance in any area. We generally meet with our care receivers once a week.

We are also involved in visiting Service Organizations. We recently met with Leslie Delp M.A. from Olivia's House located in Hanover, PA. Olivia's House deals with children going through grief and loss due to the loss of a loved one. Here children are able to work with Bereavement Specialists who help them through this traumatic journey.

We also toured Family and Children's Services in Westminster, MD. These folks provide safe homes, day care for challenged adults and counsel victims of trauma and domestic violence. The services are provided for all ages, young children through senior citizens.

If you have an interest in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Bob Nicoll at 410-871-0206 or Connie Dattilio at 717-637-7157 or see Pastor Charlie.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Chair: Matthew Rooney, 570-947-4875

Administrative Team: Doris Dell, Jo Fleck, Jeanne Swain



On behalf of the KIT ministry I would like to thank everyone who attended the information session at the end of January. We had a successful meeting in which several members of the church volunteered to help out this new ministry. The Administrative team will be working with Pastor Charlie to coordinate the first round of visitations that will start in March.

We are looking for eager volunteers to go out in pairs to visit designated members of Immanuel. The group will reach out to those in our congregation who are unable, or frequently unable to attend worship, or participate in church events and activities. This outreach will provide conversation, church bulletins, and prayer to those they visit each month.

If you were unable to attend the information session but would like to find out more about this ministry, please contact anyone on the administrative

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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



Easter is fast approaching and once again we will be filling 28 baskets and collecting food for distribution to our sponsored families. The baskets will be available March 18th in the Narthex. A table will also be set up for food donations. Baskets need to be *returned by April 9th* for delivery on April 15th.

If anyone would like to donate a ham/hams for our Easter families or if you would like to help with the delivery of baskets and food, then please contact one of us on the Social Ministry committee.

NESAP/TOFF is in need of Mac & Cheese. The labeled baskets will still be in the Narthex. Please consider picking up a box of Mac & Cheese (the dollar store sells them), and donating it to them. NESAP is also in need of Paper Towels (also available at the dollar store). Brown bags, similar to those that Miller's uses are also needed. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank everyone that helped us with our January Table of Grace (we served 97 clients) and a very special thank you to those of you that provided a baked item for our clients. They were GREATLY appreciated by all!! Please know that we could not accomplish this mission without the help and support of all of you. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Our next Table Of Grace is May 30th. Please consider helping us or donating a baked item. Let us know if you are interested



Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the sock drive!! The almost 200 pair of socks were delivered to the Westminster Cold Weather Shelter.

They are very much appreciated!! Thank you for your generosity!



Scouts 320

IMMANUEL CHURCH SPONSORS #320

TROOP 320

Scoutmaster Troop 320:

Patrick Poore 443 507 6748 home, ddaydad@comcast.net

Troop 320 Chartered Organization Rep:

Maureen Laderer 410 598 5065 cell, 410 239 7398 home, mmladerer@aol.com

Committee Chair Troop 320:

Jessica Vogelsang 410 967 6475 cell, jessica.vogelsang9@gmail.com

**** 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:

Dwayne Martin 443 536 3641, dajwmartin@msn.com

Committee Chair Pack 320:

Dee Malykin 443 929 2583, keithndee@yahoo.com

Cub Scout Pack 320 is looking for new members!

Please contact Dee Livesay at 443-929-2583 or keithndee@yahoo.com for more information regarding Cub Scout Pack 320.

Congratulations to Ryan Edwards and Kyle Robinson, who crossed the bridge from Cub Scouting to join Boy Scout Troop 320 on Sunday, Feb 19 at the Blue and Gold Banquet.



Back Row from Left:
Den Chief Sean, Den Leader Keith

Front Row from Left:
Hunter, Samuel, Bradley, Ryan and Kyle

STEWARDSHIP

This is our Estimate of Giving Card for 2017, which we used at our Stewardship Sunday services Feb. 18 & 19.

If you missed that service and would like to submit an estimate of giving for 2017, please use the form below and bring it or mail it to the church office.

Thank you!

With God's

Blessed by God with gifts beyond measure, I/we plan to put the following financial resources to use in God's service at Immanuel Lutheran Church in 2017.

\$ _____ per week month year

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Envelope # _____

I/we understand that this estimate of giving may be revised at any time as my/our financial situation or sense of God's call changes.

Permission



FINANCE

Chair: Todd Robinson, todd120871@hotmail.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.immanuel.lutheranccmd.org

We now have a form available!!

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



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THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent Choice is a grant program that gives eligible Thrivent Financial members the power to distribute some of its charitable funds each year, by choosing from thousands of enrolled 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations - and Immanuel Church is one of them!

You still have time

to designate your 2016 Choice Dollars - until March 31st!!

Call 800-847-4836 and say "*Thrivent Choice*" when prompted. Or visit the Thrivent website to learn more.

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: _____

2016 COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Vice President: John Gregg, 410-599-3091

Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

Your church council met Tuesday, February 14, 2017 in the Martin Luther room. The following business was discussed and acted upon.

NEW BUSINESS

There was an unauthorized entrance into Immanuel church at 4:15am. Investigation by the sheriff's department and the church sexton proved nothing was stolen and nothing was damaged. This has prompted church council to approve \$7500.00 to secure our property. Hardware will be updated, keypads will be added and the church will be completely rekeyed.

Lenten activities were discussed and planned. Information is provided in this publication regarding the numerous opportunities to worship at Immanuel and Trinity UCC during the Lenten season. Check the Fellowship and Worship and Music reports.

OLD BUSINESS

The registration for Mar Lu Ridge is complete. Twenty children will be attending camp this summer. Thank you to the generous Immanuel member for sponsoring these children.

Stewardship Sunday was celebrated at Immanuel the weekend of February 18 and 19. A 2017 Estimate of Giving card is enclosed in this newsletter. You are encouraged to complete this card and return it to Immanuel if you did not attend on Stewardship Sunday. A full Stewardship campaign will be conducted in the fall pointing toward 2018 giving of time, talents and treasure.

The Finance committee and Pastor Charlie will reach out to members of the congregation who have loved one's memorial funds pending use.

Text/App giving was discussed. Eight members now use online giving on a recurring basis. Fifteen families give online sporadically. Giving via text message and mobile app will provide additional ways for members and visitors to give to God through Immanuel. More information will be published when these options become available.

MISSIONS

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

Our mission for March will be the South Sudan Missionary being supported by ILC through the ELCA Global Outreach. This will also support ILC's ELCA Global Outreach commitment to the ELCA. As you can see, we will be fulfilling our commitment two fold in the month of March. We are sure our blessing will be two-fold !

During the March 4/5 weekend services, there will be a presentation regarding this very important work of spreading the word world-wide through education and good works.

PROPERTY

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

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

The new alarm system has been installed, all entry doors have alarms and motion sensors added.

The fire sprinkler systems in the church boiler rooms have been tested. The boiler sprinklers are in good repair. An alarm will be sent should the sprinklers be activated.

There was no heat a few weekends ago. AJ Michaels was notified and quickly responded to make repairs.

Over the years many keys to the church have been distributed to various individuals and groups. We have no record of who has keys. The mysterious visitor entering the church at 4:17am recently has given us a wakeup call. Council has authorized property to change the locks to the church entry doors and implement a new access system that will provide better security. We will keep you updated on progress and any new procedure to gain access to the church either by distributing new keys or the access code for electronic key pad entry. A record of who has keys or codes will be kept and updated.

March 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 10:15am Coffee Hour 10:30am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Missions-Special Offering 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Baby Sunday School 10:15am Coffee Hour 10:30am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7pm Finance Meeting 8pm AL-Anon 8pm AA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12pm Soup/Study 6pm Soup/Study 7:15pm AA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AL-Anon</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Social Hall Reserved 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 AL-Anon 8pm AA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7pm Council Meeting 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12pm Soup/Study at Trinity 6pm Soup/Study at Trinity 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:15pm AA</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Social Hall Reserved Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AL-Anon</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Social Hall Reserved 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA</p>	<p>19</p> <p>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 AL-Anon 8pm AA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12pm Soup/Study 6pm Soup/Study 7:15pm AA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AL-Anon</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Social Hall Reserved 5pm Worship / Comm 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 AL-Anon 8pm AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12pm Soup/Study at Trinity 6pm Soup/Study at Trinity 7:15pm AA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AL-Anon</p>

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

Wed, March 1

Ash Wednesday Service at Immanuel

Soup/Study at 12noon and 6pm

Worship with Imposition of Ashes~Communion at 1pm and 7pm

March 4~5

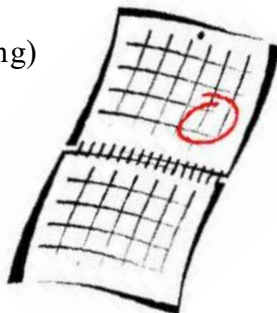
Lent 1 services at 5pm and 9am

March 8,15,22,29

Lenten Wednesdays (daytime and evening)

Soup at 12noon ~ Study at 1pm

Soup at 6pm ~ Study at 7pm



March 11~12

Lent 2 services at 5pm and 9am

March 18~19

Lent 3 services at 5pm and 9am

March 25~26

Lent 4 services at 5pm and 9am

Easter Lily Orders begin

MARCH ALTAR GUILD

Ash Wednesday, March 1

Sandy Voight

Sundays

Rhonda Kiler and Betty Miller

MARCH HEAD USHERS

Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 7pm

Amanda Yingling

Saturdays at 5pm

Susan Burnette

Sundays at 9am

Todd Robinson

JANUARY 2017 WORSHIP ATTENDANCES

Dates	Sat/Sun Attendance	Remarks
Dec 31-Jan1	18 + 48 = 66	Lessons & Carols
Jan 7-8	18 + 90 = 108	Epiphany
Jan 14-15	*NS + 57 = 57	Baptism of Our Lord
Jan 21-22	29 + 103 = 132	
Jan 28-29	32 + 96 = 128	
TOTAL	491	
Weekend Average	98	*NS – No service ice/snow

JANUARY ATTENDANCE REVIEW

Year	Attendance	Average
2009	575	143 (4 wks)
2010	662	132 (5 wks)
2011	645	129 (5 wks)
2012	660	132 (5 wks)
2013	680	170 (4 wks)
2014	590	148 (4 wks)
2015	435	108 (4 wks)
2016	454	97 (5 wks)
2017	491	98 (5 wks)

MARCH LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

For your Home Bible Study ~ Join everyone as we read through March.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
March 1 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2,12-17	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6,16-21
Feb 27~March 5 Lent 1	Genesis 2:15-17 Genesis 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
March 6~12 Lent 2	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5,13-17	John 3:1-17
March 13~19 Lent 3	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
March 20~26 Lent 4	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
March 27~April 2	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45

ALTAR FLOWERS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS SPONSORSHIPS

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 sponsorship 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 (one vase vs both vases) when signing up on the Flower Calendar AND your sponsorship form.

Your written information with payment must be received by 12noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved date to insure inclusion in the bulletin. **Co-Sponsor** flowers with a **family member or friend** to split the cost!

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'

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/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.

Ash Wednesday Worship Assistants

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Join us at
12noon for Soup & Study followed by a service of **Imposition of Ashes and Communion at 1pm**

OR join us at
6pm for Soup & Study followed with a service of **Imposition of Ashes and Communion at 7pm.**

	March 1 at 1pm	March 1 at 7pm
Head Usher	-----	Amanda Yingling
Altar Guild	-----	Sandy Voight
Greeters	Betty Miller Kathryn Register	Judy Bixler Linda Black
Lector	Pete Wulforst	Todd Robinson
Offering Ushers	----- Audrey Shaffer Rhonda Kiler -----	Frank Burnette TBD Jeanne Swain TBD
Communion Stewards	Brenda Wulforst Pete Wulforst	Susan Burnette Christine Crouch TBD Sandy Voight
Acolytes	-----	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	-----	Denise Rickell
Bell Ringer	-----	Frank Burnette

CLOCKS FORWARD...

Remember to turn **all your clocks forward ONE HOUR** before going to be on Saturday, March 11th. *Daylight Savings Time begins at 2am on Sunday, March 12th.* Don't be caught late for church on Sunday at 9am!!

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

For those in the congregation who are gluten intolerant, Saturday and Sunday services offer an alternative gluten-free wafer as your communion host. Please express your wishes to Pastor Charlie when you arrive for communion. A worship assistant will present a ciborium chalice of gluten-free wafers to you. Grape juice vs. wine is also offered.

EASTER LILY SALES

Beginning the weekend of **March 25-26**, Music and Worship will be taking orders for **Easter Lilies**. The cost of each Easter Lily will be \$10.50. Orders may be placed in two ways:

Using the order form on the last page of this newsletter OR

Using an order form from the *Easter Lily Bulletin Board*

Please fill out the needed information:

Select either 'In Memory Of' or 'In Honor Of'

Circle your choice of payment

(cash or check payable to: Immanuel Lutheran Church)

Enclose order form and payment in the supplied envelope

Place your order in the 'Easter Lily' basket on the office lamp table

The **deadline is Palm Sunday, April 9th**. Should the office be locked, kindly drop your order through the door slot. All order received by this deadline date will be included in the Easter Weekend bulletin insert.

BIRTHDAYS

Meghan Lee	Audrey Shaffer	Logan Reiley
Greg Miller	Pat Hentz	Bryan Lopata
Iva Martin	Jennifer Holbrook	Susan Adami
Ketti McCarty	Jared Patterson	Brittany Trott
Janis Hagert	Dolly Ruby	Henry Adami
Heather Hoffman	Matthew Rooney	Dana Martin
John Taylor	Dave Robinson	Jennifer Biden
Doris Dell	Daphne Lee	Brooks Hoffman
Rodgers Hagert	Laura Kiler	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Walter and Charlotte Hann	March 5, 1966
John and Mary Popp	March 5

March 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday March 4 <small>Lent 1</small>	Saturday March 11 <small>Lent 2</small>	Saturday March 18 <small>Lent 3</small>	Saturday March 25 <small>Lent 4</small>
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 <small>Lent 1</small>	Sunday March 12 <small>Lent 2</small>	Sunday March 19 <small>Lent 3</small>	Sunday March 26 <small>Lent 4</small>
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	Christine Crouch	Bob Nicoll	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 Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Denise Rickell Audrey Shaffer	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Rhonda Kiler	Susan Burnette Joe Fleck Sandy Voight Bart Walder	Susan Burnette Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips Denise Rickell
Acolytes	Jordan Bosnick Willis Kiler	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt	Tanner Eckhardt Austin Gregg	Jordan Bosnick Willis Kiler
Pray w/ Pastor	Christine Crouch	Denise Rickell	Bob Nicoll	Connie Dattilio
Bell Ringer	Frank Burnette	Bart Walder	Ernest Weiss	Brian Kremen

Holy Week and Easter Worship Assistants

	Maundy Thursday April 13 at 7pm	Good Friday April 14 at 7pm
Head Usher	Rhonda Kiler	Susan Burnette
Altar Guild	Susan Burnette	Sandy Voight
Greeters	Betty Miller Carolyn Kittelberger	Frank Burnette Bart Walder
Lector	Denise Rickell	Good Friday Readers
Offering Ushers	Norman Downes Brenda Wulforst Barb Yingling Gene Yingling	<i>Silent Offering</i>
Communion	Susan Burnette Frank Burnette Debbie Hebrank Rhonda Kiler	-----
Acolytes	Jordan Bosnick Tanner Eckhardt	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Connie Dattilio	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Bart Walder	Ernest Weiss

	Easter Vigil April 15 at 5pm	Easter Sunrise April 16 at 7am	Easter Resurrection April 16 at 9am
Head Usher	Linda Black	Brian Kremen	Joe Fleck
Altar Guild	-----	Audrey Shaffer	Susan Burnette
Greeters	Mary Ayers -----	John Popp Brian Yingling	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Fred Ayers	Carolyn Hamlet	Lindsay Lopata
Offering Ushers	Linda Black Jeanne Swain	Ken Kiler Brad Martin Iva Martin Audrey Shaffer	Frank Burnette Barbara Guthrie Barb Yingling Gene Yingling
Communion (Intinction)	Fred Ayers -----	Denise Rickell Amanda Yingling	Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips
Acolytes ~ Torchbearers	-----	Tanner Eckhardt Willis Kiler	TBD TBD
Crucifer	-----	Ashton Eckhardt	TBD
Pray w/ Pastor	-----	Denise Rickell	Christine Crouch
Bell Ringer	-----	Brian Kremen	Frank Burnette

April 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday April 1 Lent 5	Saturday April 8 Passion Saturday	Saturday April 15 Easter Vigil	Saturday April 22 Easter 2	Saturday April 29 Easter 3
Head Usher	TBD	Linda Black	Linda Black	Linda Black	Linda Black
Greeter	Janis Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Mary Ayers	Barb Davidson	Janis Hagert
Lector	Judy Bixler	Luther Myers	Fred Ayers	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain
Offering Ushers	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Linda Black Jeanne Swain	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert
Communion	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Fred Ayers	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday April 2 Lent 5	Sunday April 9 Palm Sunday	Sunday April 23 Easter 2	Sunday April 30 Easter 3 Youth Sunday
Head Usher	John Gregg	John Gregg	John Gregg	John Gregg
Altar Guild	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette
Greeters	Linda Gregg Betty Miller	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Tony Mancuso Pam Newton	YOUTH (4)
Lector	Bob Nicoll	Jeremy Edwards	Todd Robinson	YOUTH (3)
Offering Ushers	Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	YOUTH (4)
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Andy Kiler Audrey Shaffer	Susan Burnette Christine Crouch Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips	Susan Burnette Rhonda Kiler John Popp Sandy Voight	Susan Burnette Wendy Maloney Denise Rickell Bart Walder
Acolytes ~ Torchbearers	Tanner Eckhardt Austin Gregg	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Austin Gregg Willis Kiler	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Crucifer	-----	Pete Wulforst	Joe Fleck	Gene Yingling
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll	Christine Crouch	Denise Rickell	Connie Dattilio
Bell Ringer	Joe Fleck	Gene Yingling	Frank Burnette	Bart Walder

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)



2017 Easter Lily Order Form

(Orders taken Saturday, March 25 – Palm Sunday, April 9)

Name: _____ Envelope # _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Easter Lily Cost: \$10.50 each ** One Lily per order form, please **

Please fill out the appropriate space below
exactly as you wish it to appear in the Easter bulletin.

In Memory of: _____

~ OR ~

In Honor of: _____

Sponsored by: _____

Payment of \$ _____ is enclosed.
(CIRCLE PAYMENT OPTION: Cash or Check # _____)

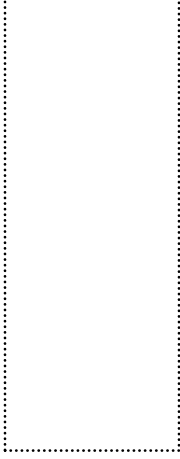
REMEMBER:

1. Make check payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church.
2. Place this completed information with your payment in the envelope provided.
3. Place envelope in the 'Easter Lily' Basket on the lamp table in the church office.
4. DEADLINE: PALM SUNDAY, April 9th.

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