

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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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The dust is beginning to settle now that we have passed the one week mark in our new home. We are still busy unpacking boxes and running back to Baltimore every few days to work on clearing out and cleaning up our old home. And I am already feeling very much at home at 840 Hughes Shop Rd and at Immanuel. Many of you have gone out of your way to help me and my family to feel welcome, for which I thank you!

I am looking forward to getting to know as many of you as possible in the coming weeks and months. You can help me by contacting me, or Rachel in the church office, to arrange a convenient time to get together at my office, at your home, or at another location; or to visit over the phone. My normal office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 9–11:30am. Most afternoons Mon-Thur I will be doing visitation 1–4pm. Except for meetings and appointments (including Thursday choir practice), evenings will be family time. Friday will be my day off. Saturdays and Sundays will be devoted to preparing for and conducting worship services and teaching, for appointments with people I cannot meet with during the week, and family time.

Our bishop, Wolfgang Herz-Lane, has said that just as the three most important things in real estate are “location, location and location,” the three most important things in the church are “relationships, relationships and relationships.”



The church is built on relationships. The bedrock is our relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ established, sustained and strengthened by the Holy Spirit in Word and Sacrament. All other relationships in the church are based on this one, which we then live out in all our relationships inside and outside the congregation. We cannot separate our relationship with God from our relationships with others: “If we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is made complete in us.” (1 John 4:12)

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I have many program ideas to help strengthen Immanuel Church and our mission in this community which I will be sharing with you in future months, but programs mean nothing without strong relationships built on trust. That is where I want to lay the foundation of my ministry here at Immanuel, working side by side with each and every one of you.

1. I will strive for excellence in preaching, worship leadership, and teaching in order to deepen and strengthen our bedrock relationship with God. I ask you to join with me by attending worship faithfully, participating in worship wholeheartedly, and asking God to speak and work through me and through all those engaged in worship. I further ask you to participate in small group bible study during Sunday School hour and at other times as these become available in coming weeks. For me the regular, disciplined study of God's Word is not an optional program but essential to maintaining a strong, vibrant faith relationship with God.

2. I will spend as much time as possible in conversation and visitation among members, worshipers and people in the community, from the oldest to the youngest, in order to build strong relationships now that will sustain the ministry and mission of the congregation for years to come. I ask you to open your hearts to me, to share with me your hopes, dreams and concerns for yourself and for Immanuel Church.

3. I will make myself available to you in your hour of need. I ask you to call on me when you are facing illness, loss, or any other personal crisis, or when you have faith questions you would like help in exploring. Also, with the other person's permission, I ask you to let me know when someone else may be in need of pastoral care. In this area especially, I will be working closely with the Stephen Ministry team

In all these areas I will also be working closely with the Church Council and with our newly formed Mutual Ministry Committee, which has been formed to foster a strong, healthy relationship between pastor and congregation. You will be learning more about the committee and its work, and how you can help, in the coming months. In the meantime, I will be keeping you in prayer – and I thank you for keeping me and my family in prayer!

God is going to do great things here at Immanuel! And God is going to do it through us: “Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Yours in Christ's Love,
Pastor Charlie

2016 COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Vice President: Frank Burnette, Irfburnette@gmail.com

Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

Immanuel's church council met Tuesday, April 12, 2016

The following business was discussed:

NEW BUSINESS

God's Work-Our Hand's project needed. September 11, 2016 has been designated for churches to provide mission work. Council is "brain storming" for a project in the Manchester community where Immanuel can "do good" for our fellow man. Several years ago, a group of members painted a congregation member's garage. It was a fun project and provided a much needed service to these members. If you have a suggestion for a project, please contact a council member.

Partnering with Trinity United Church of Christ-Pastor Charlie and the executive committee recently met with Pastor Suzanne and the staff of Trinity. We are looking at ways Trinity and Immanuel can work together for the Manchester area.

Trinity UCC and St Marks, Snydersburg and Immanuel are sponsoring a bus trip to the Frederick Keys baseball game on July 22nd. This is a Friday night and the game includes fireworks after the teams play. Watch the weekly bulletin for details.

Church council voted to add an addendum to the current wedding contract to give the Pastor and the Council President discretion to alter the contract when needed. The time restrictions-when a ceremony can be performed-were removed from the contract.

The yearly Synod assembly will be held in Ocean City June 2 through June 4.

OLD BUSINESS

A Mutual Ministry committee has been formed. Synod has asked that each congregation have a committee in place before the end of 2017. This committee acts as a liaison between the pastor and the congregation. Watch your weekly bulletin for more information.

A Visioning committee is working for the good of Immanuel. Most of the work, at this time, is being done via telephone and email. Recently personal notes were sent to 30 families we have been missing at worship the past few months. This note included an invitation to services and upcoming events at Immanuel.

Your council is here to serve God and you. We welcome your input. Please talk with any current council member or the pastor.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Currently at Immanuel Lutheran Church there are two opportunities to request you or your loved ones be included in prayer. We publish names on the last page of the weekend bulletin. Also, there is a group of ladies, who will include you or your loved one in their daily personal prayers.

In order to be sure that we are meeting the needs of our congregation, please call Immanuel's church office to request either one or both of the two opportunities.

Names remain on the church's printed list for four weeks. Call the office to have the name remain or to place the individual back on our prayer list.

SAVE THE DATE

Pastor Charles Marshall will be installed at *3pm on May 22, 2016*. The installation service will take place in the church sanctuary with a celebration to follow in the church Social Hall.

Please mark your calendars with this very important date and join the congregation for this service and celebration.

MUSIC CONCERTS

Carroll Singers presents "Music of the Night" at Westminster High School on Monday, May 2 and Tues, May 3 at 7:30pm. Tickets available at Coffey Music, Menchey Music, the Arts Council and from the members of Carroll Singers: Adults \$10 in advance - \$12 at door

Students \$7 in advance - \$9 at door

Children under 6 are Free

Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra all Mozart concert May 8 at 4pm, including Schola Cantorum singing Mozart's Requiem. Pastor Charlie's wife, Caroline sings with this group. Free admission.

Arrive early; could be crowded.



STAMPS FOR BRETHREN HOME

We continue to collect cancelled stamps and donate to the Brethren Home at Cross Keys. They use these stamps as a fundraiser and are very appreciative.

Simply tear the envelope in half and place the half with the stamp on it in the labeled basket in the hallway of the education building.

****NOTE:** please do not trim around the stamp. The envelope around the stamp is needed in order to be used for their project.

ONLINE GIVING

Donate online on our website! You can give a one-time donation or schedule a series of donations.

Try It Out!

Our hope is that offering online giving will allow us to accomplish a couple of things.

- ◆ It will provide the flexibility to give to Immanuel Church, regardless of day or time.
- ◆ Give using your checking account or using a credit/debit card.
- ◆ Online giving will help us become better stewards of the church and its missions with the opportunity to give on a regular basis.
- ◆ You will be able to set up recurring tithes and offerings.
- ◆ Even when you're traveling or visiting family away from our four walls, you can continue to faithfully give.
- ◆ You can login to you giving account and track your donations for the year. Use this for your taxes and set pledge goals for yourself.

Note: you can give without setting up an account — just select “*Quick Give*”, login is not required.

Please visit our website later today or sometime this week— that is where you will find a link to online giving (***Click Here to Give Online***). Pray about how God is calling you to give and be a faithful and obedient steward in our mission of making disciples.

In 2 Corinthians Paul gives us a great reminder of the call of stewardship to the Church. He says these words:

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

If you have any questions, please contact the office for assistance. Visit our website (www.immanuelutherancmd.org) to get started!



FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

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

Linda Gregg; Matthew Rooney; Jamie Rooney

Are you looking for something to do Mother's Day morning?

May we suggest attending worship at Immanuel and then enjoy the social hour in the Social Hall downstairs. Enjoy coffee and pastries with the women and families of Immanuel. You don't need to bring anything but yourself and your family.

Coffee and tea will be brewed and there will also be many treats to choose from. The conversation is always great and on this particular day you will probably hear Mom's and daughters talking about the special women in their life. Share your ideas for raising children—you may just be able to help someone free themselves from sleepless nights of worry. You can share experiences and tell someone what worked and what didn't work with your young ones. So join all of us after Immanuel's 9am service on Mother's Day.

The Mother's Day Tea celebrated on Sun, April 24 was a tremendous success. Tea was served to approximately 82 women and children. Our men of the congregation served the ladies. The stage was transformed into Immanuel's Bistro and provided the back drop for picture taking. Thank you Rachel Murphy for setting up the Bistro and to Wayne Thomas for taking pictures. If you had your picture taken—remember to pick them up at the later date announced.



It took all of us working together to make this a success. Thank you to each and every person who helped in any way. Pictures will be posted on Immanuel's face book page in a few days. Take time to check them out.

Mark your calendars for the Frederick Keys Baseball Game on *Friday, July 22 at 7pm*. Trinity UCC is coordinating this fun event. Bus transportation provided from our parking lot! \$10-Adults(ages 13-59)
\$7-Seniors (60& over)
\$7-Youth (ages 3-12)

Checks payable to Trinity UCC.

Questions, call Robert Miller 410-374-4455.

DEATHS

Ethel Hooper
November 19, 1929 – April 13, 2016

HOLY BAPTISM

9am Service – April 24, 2016
Kieran Thomas Hoffman
Son of Brooks and Christine Hoffman
Sponsored by Matthew and Jamie Rooney

THANKS

Donations received in memory of Ethel Hooper by
Doris Dell
Betty Miller
Paul & Ginny Sellers
Audrey Shaffer
Daniel & Kathryn Riley
Gloria Armacost

To the congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church:

It was a pleasure to lead you in worship these last four months. Thank you for your kindness, the fellowship, refreshments, and most especially your generous monetary gift. You have touched my heart in your giving and sharing. Now I pray that you will continue to grow spiritually under the leadership of your new pastor, Charles Marshall. God's blessings to each of you. In Christ's love,
Pastor Mel Stricklin

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jen Edwards, 443-883-6138, jen@iostreaminfo.com,
Rona Haddaway, Jeanne Swain, Doris Weeks, Angie Eckhardt, Pete Wulforst,
Jen Robinson, Andy Kiler, Sandy Voight

We are extending our Humane Society donations through May, and will be visiting the Carroll County Humane Society on Saturday, June 4th at 10 am (please note this is a rescheduled date from April, so we could work on additional donations from the congregation). A wish list of items is listed below and is also available in the rear of the sanctuary. Donations may be left in the box outside the office.

Food Needed

- Purina Dog Chow
- Purina Cat Chow
- Purina Puppy Chow
- Purina Kitten Chow
- Canned dog food with snap lids
- Canned cat food with snap lids
- Bagged Alfalfa for our small critters
- SOFT Dog Treats only
- Small Animal Treats



Cleaning Supplies Needed

- Laundry detergent low suds powder
- Fabric Softener sheets
- Baby Wipes
- Bleach
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent (HE)
- Fabuloso
- Hand Sanitizer



Miscellaneous Items Needed

- Dog Toys
- Cat Toys
- Small Paper Plates
- Small Paper Bowls
- Care Fresh Bedding for our small critters
- Air fresheners (solids and sprays)
- Sandwich bags all sizes
- Ziploc Sandwich bags
- Fabric Softener sheets
- Foil-Handiwrap
- 10 x 13 Yellow envelopes



Thank you for your support of our Youth Sunday on May 1st. The youth always enjoys this day, and we hope you do too!

Charlotte's Quest Spring Fest is May 8th. Immanuel Sunday School team will have a table set up with a VBS inspired craft and some information about VBS registration. This is a fun outdoors event full of activities, please plan to bring your family for a fun afternoon.

VBS “Deep Sea Discovery” will be held *July 10th-14th*. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm and VBS will be from 6-8:00pm. We will also participate in the Manchester Parade, held on Tuesday, *July 5th*. Please look out for donation sign up sheets for craft supplies and food items, which will be in the rear of the sanctuary when published.

Would you like to join our VBS team? We would love to have you! Our youth are always excited for new faces to guide them on their week of fun!

Please note we will also be holding an adult VBS, held at the same time as our youth VBS. Pastor Charlie will lead this group with interesting themes each day. Please see Pastor Charlie or Rachel to sign up!



Please join us this summer at Immanuel's 2016 Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 10 - Thursday, July 14
5:30 to 8pm

Free registration, ages 3 to adult

Includes: *Dinner*
 Bible Stories
 Music
 Games
 Crafts



**You won't want to miss this adventure!
Secure your place on the dive team now!**

Registration form at back of newsletter.

PROPERTY

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

Members: Tony Mancuso, 443-375-8733

Frank Burnette, Bart Walder, Gene Yingling, John Gregg

Cost estimates have been received for the planning and engineering needed to begin working on the kitchen renovations. The Property committee is evaluating these costs and exploring alternatives. The mission is to find a general contractor able and willing to handle the planning, engineering and construction in an effort to contain costs. You will be kept informed.

The Finance committee has established a kitchen improvement fund. This fund will support the memorial money designated towards improving the kitchen. You will find envelopes in the rear of the church sanctuary for this purpose. You may also designate your donation to the fund on your weekly offering envelope.

A J Michaels will shut down the boilers on June 1. This will also include the startup of the air conditioning system. This prepares Immanuel for the summer season.

Sidewalks, railing and ramps are in need of extensive repairs. Repairs were put "on hold" last year because of financial concerns. In an effort to address financial concerns, the Property committee is recommending that repairs be done in phases rather than at one time. Tony Mancuso and Brian Kremen will be obtaining estimates.

The Social Hall counter area needs additional electric run so that multiple coffee pot plugins do not trip breakers. This will be taken care of in the next few weeks.

Signage, both inside and outside of Immanuel is still being worked on.

The Narthex is in need of some cosmetic repair. It is normal for plaster/drywall areas to need repair after a few years. Brian and Steve are working together to repair and paint these areas.

As always, if you notice anything that needs to be brought to our attention, please contact a member of the Property committee.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320; Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028; Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Thank you to everyone who helped serve Table of Grace in March.

Amanda Yingling
Gene Yingling
Chris Crouch
Pat Hentz
Barb Skelley
Cindy Ganjon
Norm Downes

Of course, Rhonda, Brenda and Deb were there also. A special thank you goes out to our youngest helpers:

Jordan Bosnick
Mallory Smith
Olivia Bosley

Schools were still closed for Easter break and these 3 young ladies gave their day to help those in need.

We served 143 hungry people—

the most ever for Immanuel !!

In May NESAP is requesting toothpaste and toothbrushes. Labeled baskets remain in the Narthex and the entrance of the education building. Please consider making a contribution. If you check the local \$\$\$ store you will find many to choose from.

Your contributions are appreciated and they help others.



Immanuel serves Table of Grace on May 30. If you are available to help, contact Debbie or Rhonda at the phone numbers listed in the header.

MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Music Appreciation Sunday Youth Sunday 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Lazarus Svs-ScoutRm	2 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	3 7pm Scouts	4 7:15pm AA	5 7pm Choir 7pm Scouts	6 Sanctuary Reserved 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	7 Missions - Special Offering 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
8 Charlotte's Quest SpringFest Missions - Special Offering 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:15 Coffee Hour 10:30am Lazarus Svs-ScoutRm	9 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	10 7pm Church Council 7pm Scouts	11 7:15pm AA	12 7pm Choir 7pm Scouts	13 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	14 Social Hall Reserved 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
15 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am SS 10:30am Lazarus Svs-ScoutRm	16 9am Work Day 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	17 7pm Scouts	18 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:15pm AA	19 7pm Choir 7pm Scouts - Social Hall	20 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	21 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
22 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Lazarus Svs-ScoutRm	23 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	24 7pm Scouts	25 7:15pm AA	26 7pm Choir 7pm Scouts	27 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	28 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
29 9am Worship / Comm 10:30am Lazarus Svs-ScoutRm	30 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	31 7pm Scouts				

MUTUAL MINISTRY

Chair: Bob Nicoll

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

A Mutual Ministry committee has been established. The focus of this committee is to foster a strong, healthy relationship between the pastor and the congregation. The committee has met once and elected a chair-Bob Nicoll and a recording secretary-Chris Crouch.

You will notice that the MM committee served as Immanuel's Call committee. This is often a logical progression since the Pastor has spent time with the members, the Committee reflects the church demographics, and the group is practiced in functioning with confidentiality.

The MM committee is here for the congregation and the Pastor. You will be kept informed about the MM committee efforts.



VISIONING

Chair: Brenda Wulforst
Pastor Charlie, Angie Eckhardt, Sandy Voight, Jeanne Swain

Efforts are being made to establish a Visioning committee here at Immanuel. Currently this group consists of a few members working together behind the scenes. If you are willing to give your talent and time to help, please contact Brenda Wulforst, Council President or Pastor Charlie.

Recently note cards were sent to 30 families that we have been missing at weekly services. It is gratifying to see that some of these members have returned to worship with us. We are so happy to see each person-keep coming back!



Several members reached out this past month and helped the Fellowship committee with the Mother's Day Tea. Thank you for all your time and talent.

You will be updated monthly on the progress we make with re-establishing this necessary church committee.

MISSIONS

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

Thank you for your support each month to Immanuel's special Missions offering. Through your generous donations, Immanuel has reached out with financial support to several local and global charities.

In the month of May, we will focus on Immanuel's Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held on Sunday, July 10 through Thursday, July 14.

May 7 and 8 will mark our Mission weekend. One of Immanuel's teachers will address the congregation on Saturday evening and also Sunday morning and provide Vacation Bible school information. You will find a Mission envelope in your box of offering envelopes. You will also see a specific offering envelope dated May 15 for Immanuel's VBS.



Please use these envelopes to designate your offering to support this important educational endeavor. Our children are one of our most important resources. Your support is crucial.

If you know of an organization that would benefit from Immanuel's support, please contact Joe Fleck, our council representative.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Susan Burnette, 410-357-9466, sb31220@gmail.com, CoChairman
 Amanda Yingling, 717-880-5215, mandymae1210@gmail.com, CoChairman, Adult Choir
 Jerry Hoffman, 410-374-2565, Organist/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, Luther Men Choir

MAY HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm
Judy Bixler

Sundays at 9am
John Gregg

MAY ALTAR GUILD

Sundays
Rhonda Kiler
Betty Miller

SAVE THESE DATES



Weekend, April 30 - May 1

Easter 6 ~ Church Music Sunday ~ Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 8

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, May 15

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 22

Holy Trinity Sunday

Weekend, June 5-6

Acolyte Appreciation Sunday

MAY LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

Please use the following lectionary readings
for your personal Bible Study during May.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
April 25 ~ May 1 Easter 6	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22 ~ 22:5	John 14:23-29 John 5:1-9
May 2 ~ 8 Ascension	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47 Psalm 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
May 9 ~ 15 Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 Genesis 11:1-9	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:14-17 Acts 2:1-21	John 14:8-17, 25-27
May 16 ~ 22 Holy Trinity	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
May 23 ~ 29	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43	Psalm 96:1-9	Galatians 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10
May 30 ~ June 5	1 Kings 17:17-24	Psalm 30	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17

MARCH 2016

SATURDAY ~ SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
5,6	36+ 68 = 104	Lent 4
12,13	23+ 81 = 104	Lent 5
19,20	22+ 96 = 118	Passion Sat, Palm Sun
24	41	Maundy Thursday
25	67	Good Friday
26,27	31+ 61+ 116 = 208	Easter Sat Vigil + Sunrise + Resurrection
Total All Services 632		All Services
Weekend Totals 524		Weekend Services ONLY
Weekend Average 131		4 weekends

MARCH ATTENDANCE REVIEW

<u>Year</u>	<u>Monthly Attendance</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>
2009	841	168
2010	661	165
2011	663	147
2012	592	148
2013	1,090	146
2014	839	153
2015	644	129
2016	524	131

MAUNDY THURSDAY GOOD FRIDAY ATTENDANCES

<u>Year</u>	<u>Maundy Thursday Service</u>	<u>Good Friday Service</u>
2009	64	127
2010	62	110
2011	67	90
2012	65	106
2013	69	81
2014	73	101
2015	42	59
2016	41	67

PAST EASTER WEEKEND ATTENDANCES

<u>Year</u>	<u>5pm Sat Vigil</u>	<u>7am Easter Sunrise</u>	<u>9am Easter Resurrection</u>
2009	43	116	209
2010	58	-----	249
2011	55	83	191
2012	70	90	220
2013	55	63	214
2014	52	78	161
2015	40	61	173
2016	31	61	116

ALTAR FLOWERS and LESSONS & PRAYERS

The Flower Sponsorship Calendar is posted in the office hallway for your sign-ups. We suggest that you share the cost of a sponsorship with a family member or a friend. Place your completed sponsorship form with payment in the Music & Worship basket on the table in the church office by Wednesday noon of the week prior to your reserved date for correct printing in the weekend bulletin.

Prices Remain: \$50 Altar Vases
\$30 Center Arrangement
\$20 Lessons & Prayers

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

For those members of the congregation who are gluten intolerant, your weekly communion now offers wafers that are gluten-free as your communion host. Please express your wishes to Pastor Charlie as you approach the communion rail. A worship assistant will present a ciborium chalice of gluten-free wafers to you for communion. Wine and grape juice are always available.

CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY will be celebrated this May 1st.

During the 9am service, Music and Worship will recognize the volunteer time given by the many members of the Adult Choir, the Luther Men and their directors and accompanist. Each member dedicates rehearsal time on Thursday evenings or Sunday mornings and sacrifices 'family time' during worship to lead our services. Please join your church family as we thank them for sharing their spiritual gifts of music.



ASCENSION SUNDAY The Ascension of Our Lord celebrates the day that Christ, in the presence of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven, as written in Mark 16:19 ~ Luke 24:50-51 and Acts 1:2,9. Tradition designates that Mount Olivet, near the town of Bethany, was the place where Jesus ascended into the clouds of heaven.

Ascension Day occurs 40 days after Easter Sunday. This year, the actual day falls on Thursday, May 5th. The **Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on Sunday, May 8th**. The next time you are seated in the sanctuary, please take a moment to enjoy the beauty of our 'Ascension' stained glass window to the right of the choir loft. Join us for worship as Immanuel celebrates the final Sunday of Easter ~ **Ascension Sunday, May 8th at the 9 am service.**

MOTHER'S DAY will also be recognized on Sunday, May 8th. Music and Worship will present a long-stem pink carnation to every lady arriving at church. During the month, a special tribute to all Mothers of Immanuel will be displayed on a bulletin board outside the church sanctuary. Families have been asked to donate a picture of a special moment with their mom.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

At the weekend services of **May 14-15**, Immanuel will celebrate the **Festival of Pentecost**. On the fiftieth day of Easter, we will celebrate the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become “the children of God” and “the joint heirs with Christ.” By the power of the Spirit, we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and have been saved by him. Pentecost is sometimes called the Church’s Birthday, but might more appropriately be called its Baptism Day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism.¹ The color for Pentecost is RED. We encourage everyone attending our weekend Pentecost services to wear something **RED!** ¹ (by permission from Sundays and Seasons, 2016)



BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries are listed in the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters. If you would like to be included, please contact Music and Worship.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Wendy Maloney	Stephen Swain	Benjamin Eppley
Linda Gregg	Betty Wildasin	Maripat Luntz
Jennifer Robinson	Janet Nickels	Pete Wulforst
Fred Ayers	Howard Miller	Tracey Graf
Sunshine Cobak	Ellen Linsenbardt	Nancy Hoffman
Alice Myers	Cheryl Graf	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Fred and Mary Ayers	May 16
Tom and Shannon Taylor	May 21, 2011
Ronald and Janice Martin	May 23



HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY is May 22nd. Though the word ‘trinity’ is not found in the scriptures, Paul writes about ‘three persons’ of the Holy Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God, the Father and sister and brothers with Christ, the Son. “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” On Holy Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the name of God: holy blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this one in the church year. There is no other god like ours. Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit! (by permission of Sundays and Seasons, 2016)

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

Music and Worship would like to congratulate those who will reach an important milestone in their lives ~ **GRADUATION**. If there is a ‘graduate’ in your family this year, *preschool thru post-graduate*, please provide the needed information. Information Requested: the graduate’s name; family members; grade-level milestone; any special interests; future plans and a photo of the graduate, available. Our **Graduates** bulletin board will be on display during the month of June. Information is needed by Sunday, May 22nd.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

ACOLYTE APPRECIATION SUNDAY

On **Sunday, June 5th**, Music and Worship will congratulate each of our valuable acolytes for their continued service to Immanuel for **Acolyte Appreciation Sunday**. All acolytes serve an important bridge between Pastor Charlie and the congregation at every worship service during the year. We will thank the following young people for their faithful service to our church.

Jordan Bosnick	Tanner Eckhardt	Reese Harden	Jared Patterson
Ashton Eckhardt	Austin Gregg	Winston Harden	Justin Patterson

FATHER’S DAY is Sunday, June 19th. Every man arriving at church, for the weekend services, will receive a red carnation. Father’s Day, which began around 1907, honors the contributions that our fathers and other ‘father figures’ have made in our lives and those of our children.

RED, WHITE and BLUE SUNDAY

Join us for the Fourth of July Weekend with a **Red, White and Blue Sunday on July 3rd** at the 9 am service. Our favorite patriotic hymns will be sung while the Luther Men provide another of their special medleys for the occasion. Everyone attending church is being asked to *wear something red, white or blue!* Stay tuned for more details!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS and SUMMER VACATIONS

Summer vacations are fast approaching and many members of the congregation are regular worship assistants during church services. For everyone's convenience, these monthly worship schedules are published in **The Visitor** for the current month along with a sneak preview for the next month ahead. During the months of June, July and August, many families take a summer vacation away from Manchester. If you are a faithful worship assistant, PLEASE contact Music and Worship, as soon as possible, if you know you will be away during your regular assistant weekend. Adequate adjustments can be made in your absence. Please refer to the following May and June Worship Assistants' Schedules:

May 2016 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday, May 7	Saturday, May 14	Saturday, May 21	Saturday, May 28
Head Usher	Judy Bixler	Judy Bixler	Judy Bixler	Judy Bixler
Greeter	Howard Miller	Charlotte Hann	Fred Ayers	Barb Davidson
Lector	Dave Robinson	Luther Myers	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain
Offering Ushers	Judy Bixler Howard Miller	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Fred Ayers Judy Bixler	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson
Communion	Dave Robinson	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday, May 1 Church Music Youth Sunday	Sunday, May 8 Ascension	Sunday, May 15 Pentecost	Sunday, May 22 Holy Trinity	Sunday, May 29
Head Usher	John Gregg	John Gregg	John Gregg	John Gregg	John Gregg
Altar Guild	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller	Susan Burnette Betty Miller
Greeters	Youth	Tony Mancuso Pam Newton	Linda Gregg Bart Walder	Dawn Burris Steve Burris	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Youth	Dessie Ann Hann	Bob Nicoll	Pete Wulforst	Russell Jensen
Offering Ushers	Youth	Jeremy Edwards Maripat Luntz Todd Robinson Bart Walder	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Jennifer Edwards Barbara Guthrie Barb Yingling Gene Yingling	Andy Kiler Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Ernest Weiss
Communion	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Maripat Luntz Sandy Voight	Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Rhonda Kiler Audrey Shaffer	Susan Burnette Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips Denise Rickell	Christine Crouch Norman Downes Jo Fleck Joe Fleck	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Debbie Hebrank Wendy Maloney
Acolytes ~ Torch Bearers	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Jared Patterson Justin Patterson	Austin Gregg Reese Harden	Jordan Bosnick Ashton Eckhardt	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Crucifer	Bart Walder	Pete Wulforst	Winston Harden	Justin Patterson	-----
Pray w/ Pastor	Denise Rickell	Connie Dattilo	Christine Crouch	Bob Nicoll	Denise Rickell
Bell Ringer	Frank Burnette	Ernest Weiss	Brian Kremen	Joe Fleck	Gene Yingling

June 2016 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday, June 4	Saturday, June 11	Saturday, June 18	Saturday, June 25
Head Usher	Amanda Yingling	Amanda Yingling	Amanda Yingling	Amanda Yingling
Greeter	Janis Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Mary Ayers	Barb Davidson
Lector	Linda Black	Dave Robinson	Fred Ayers	Luther Myers
Offering Ushers	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Linda Black Howard Miller	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson
Communion	Linda Black	Judy Bixler	Fred Ayers	Jeanne Swain

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday, June 5 <i>Acolyte Sunday</i>	Sunday, June 12	Sunday, June 19	Sunday, June 26
Head Usher	Brenda Wulforst	Brenda Wulforst	Brenda Wulforst	Brenda Wulforst
Altar Guild	Maripat Luntz Sandy Voight	Maripat Luntz Sandy Voight	Maripat Luntz Sandy Voight	Maripat Luntz Sandy Voight
Greeters	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller	John Popp Bart Walder	Tony Mancuso Pam Newton
Lector	Carolyn Hamlet	Todd Robinson	John Gregg	Joe Fleck
Offering Ushers	Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt Barb Yingling Gene Yingling	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Barbara Guthrie Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray	Andy Kiler Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Ernest Weiss
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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) Thank you.

Registration Form for you ...

2016: Sunday, July 10 -- Thursday, July 14
5:30 - 8pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church
3184 Church St Manchester, MD 21102
410-374-4463 Info@ielcmd.org



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Child's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade Completed _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Emergency Contact Name & Number _____

Special Needs or Requests:

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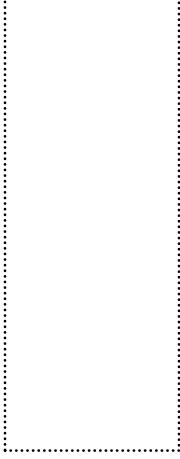
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