

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....

"He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things." (Ephesians 4:10)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On May 25, 40 days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord, the day when Jesus the Risen Lord ascended into heaven. At Immanuel, we move the celebration to the following Sunday so everyone can join the celebration. But no matter when we do it, what exactly are we celebrating? What difference does it make in our lives to worship a risen and ascended Lord?

It seems strange that the God who came down to earth in Jesus to become Immanuel – God With Us, the one who promised “I am with you always” should so quickly abandon us to go back to where he came from. Or did he? In Ephesians 4:10, we learn that the risen Christ “ascended far above all heavens, so that he might fill all things.” This means that as the ascended Lord, Christ is powerfully and personally present always and everywhere: in churches and crack houses, in kitchens and board rooms. It is only as the ascended Lord that Jesus can keep his promise to be with us always. It is only as the ascended Lord that Christ can be present to us in “the least of these” – hungry, thirsty, homeless, a stranger, sick, in prison. And it is also as the ascended Lord filling all things with his presence that Christ makes himself truly present to us in the bread and the cup of Holy Communion in the sanctuary on Sunday morning and at the bedside of a shut-in on Tuesday afternoon.

The Ascension of Our Lord is so worth celebrating because it means that we are never alone. There is no place in the universe, no situation in life we will ever face that is not already filled with his presence. Not only that, but wherever we go we



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bring his presence with us so that others may experience Christ's presence in us as we carry out our mission "to make Christ known."

The next time you pray, remember that the one to whom you pray is right there at your side, praying with you and for you. The next time you find yourself in a dark place, remember that nothing will ever separate you from the light of his loving presence, even when you cannot see it. The next time you look into the eyes of someone in need, don't be surprised to see Jesus your ascended Lord looking back at you.

What difference does it make in our lives to worship a risen and ascended Lord? All the difference in the world! I look forward to celebrating Ascension Day with you on May 27 at 5pm and May 28 at 9am.

~Pastor Charlie

OFFICE NOTES

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COMMUNICATION DEADLINES

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

SHOPPING AT AMAZON.COM

Help Immanuel by linking your Amazon account to our Church. We receive 0.5% proceeds from your purchases. Start with this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0729004> then after confirming Immanuel as the Charitable Organization to receive the proceeds, you will then be directed to the 'regular' Amazon webpage.

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.

MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP

Rev. Wal Reat is our ELCA Global Missionary sponsor. He serves in South Sudan among the refugees in several refugee camps along the border between South Sudan and Ethiopia. **Please keep Rev. Wal in your prayers.**



More than 7 million people in South Sudan need humanitarian assistance. Your donations to our missionary sponsorship make a difference in this hour of great need! #SouthSudanNow

The women of Immanuel Lutheran Church have a workday on the 3rd Monday each month to make quilts and blankets for the Linus Project. These blankets are taken to Manchester Pharmacy where John Gleason, the proprietor, provides the drop off space. Judy Walters picks up the finished blankets for distribution to the Linus organization. This year our quilters make 12 Red, White and Blue patriotic quilts for TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors). Each year TAPS holds Camp Good Grief in Washington D.C. during the Memorial Day Weekend for children who have lost a loved one in the military. The children are school-aged (6 years old to teens). Each child is presented with a quilt.



Back Row: Loretta Donaldson, Audrey Shaffer, Shelby Wilhelm, Doris Miller, Peggy Cullison
Front Row: Betty Miller, Linda Black

BIBLE CHALLENGE

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BIBLE CHALLENGE FOR MAY THE BOOK OF ACTS

During the Easter season each year, we read each Sunday from the New Testament book of Acts. Beginning in May and continuing into the summer we will read through this powerful story of the growth of the early church. 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 group, or if you are not on Facebook and would like to receive copies via email of the comments he posts there each day.

May 1 Acts 1:1-11	May 12 Acts 4:23-31	May 23 Acts 8:9-25
May 2 Acts 1: 12-26	May 13 Acts 4:32-37	May 24 Acts 8:26-40
May 3 Acts 2:1-13	May 14 Acts 5:1-11	May 25 Acts 9:1-31
May 4 Acts 2:14-21	May 15 Acts 5:12-26	May 26 Acts 9:32-43
May 5 Acts 2:22-36	May 16 Acts 5:27-42	May 27 Acts 10:1-16
May 6 Acts 2:37-41	May 17 Acts 6:1-7	May 28 Acts 10:17-33
May 7 Acts 2:42-47	May 18 Acts 6:8-15	May 29 Acts 10:34-48
May 8 Acts 3:1-16	May 19 Acts 7:1-22	May 30 Acts 11:1-18
May 9 Acts 3:17-26	May 20 Acts 7:23-43	May 31 Acts 11:19-30
May 10 Acts 4:1-12	May 21 Acts 7:44-60	
May 11 Acts 4:13-22	May 22 Acts 8:1-8	

BIBLE STUDY and PRAYER GROUPS COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

We conclude this new 6 session study this month. We will not meet May 16, while Pastor Charlie is away. This study, designed by our pastor, explores the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives from the perspective of the life and teachings of Martin Luther.

The remaining sessions will be held as follows:

11am Group in the Oak Tree Room:

Tuesday May 2,
Tuesday May 9,
Tuesday May 23, and
Wednesday May 31

7pm Group at Pastor Charlie's home, 840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster:

Tuesday May 2,
Wednesday May 10,
Tuesdays May 23, and
Tuesday May 30



COMING IN JUNE: ADULT VBS BIBLE STUDY

We are doing something different this year to prepare for our **Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School**. Pastor Charlie will lead a study of the Bible stories and themes for this year's VBS during the weeks before VBS for teachers, staff, parents and others who are interested. The group will meet **Wednesday evenings, June 7–28 and July 5 at 7pm** in the Oak Tree Room. If there is enough interest in a daytime group in addition, we may be adding one.

Please register in advance for this study, or indicate your interest in a daytime group, by calling the church office or emailing the pastor at pastorc@ielcmd.org.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Sunday morning Bible Study continues in the Martin Luther Room following the worship service, exploring the one or more of the scripture readings for that day, usually the Gospel reading.

FAITH HEALTH NETWORK

MAY 13-14

Immanuel is now part of the Maryland Faith Health Network! We will work with LifeBridge Health (Carroll Hospital, Northwest Hospital and Sinai Hospital) to provide spiritual and practical support to members during and following hospital stays.

The purpose of the program is to help you stay healthy after you leave the hospital, and to help Immanuel Church to care for all our members when care is needed most. Pastor Charlie and Judy Bixler are the liaisons at Immanuel. If you join the network and are hospitalized, you will be asked if you would like your church to be notified. If you agree, Pastor or Judy will contact you to learn how you would like us to support you during and after your time in the hospital with things like: personal visits, phone calls, Holy Communion, prayer support, meals brought to your home, help getting to doctor appointments etc.

We will officially roll out the Network at our worship services at 5pm on May 13 and at 9am on May 14. You can register and receive your own Network card to keep with you. When you are admitted to a LifeBridge hospital, show your card or let them know you are a Faith Health Network member. We will take care of the rest, and provide you with the support you need through the Pastor and caring volunteers from church.

You may also join the Network before or after that weekend by contacting the church office for your registration form and membership card. Please spread the word and encourage others to sign up for the Network also. If you would like to be a Faith Health Network volunteer at Immanuel, please contact the church office.

Finally, please keep this new ministry in your prayers, that it will be one more way in which the healing love of Jesus Christ will touch and transform human lives. Thank you and God bless you!



REFORMATION 500

We will gather as a Conference in celebration of the Reformation 500th at Big Baker Chapel on the campus of McDaniel College on Sunday, **October 29 at 3:30pm**. Our hope is that we would fill the chapel with 500 people for this significant anniversary.

The preacher will be The Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg of Gettysburg Seminary. Music will be coordinated by Ted Dix, organist/choirmaster at Grace Lutheran Church, assisted by Dr. Margaret Boudreaux, professor of music at McDaniel College and director of the Masterworks Chorale. The Masterworks Chorale and the College Choir will provide special music and they along with a joint choir of our conference churches' choirs will support the singing during the service. (All choirs are invited to participate! Dr. Boudreaux and Mr. Dix will be in touch with choir directors over the summer about music. A rehearsal with musicians will occur at 2pm that Sunday, the 29th.)

We will offer a Children's Sermon by Pastor Kristin Dubsky of St. John's Lutheran Church and Pastor Andy Carr of St. Mark's Hampstead.

Additionally, there will be congregational banners created by conference churches youth with the theme – "What do you think the Lutheran church can bring to our world today?" All youth groups are invited to make their own and appoint a banner bearer.

All rostered ministers are invited to process. Communion will be celebrated and distributed by intinction. An offering collected during the service for Carroll Lutheran School.

Additionally, opportunity to dine at local eateries after the service will be given to attendees so that a portion of their dinner tab will be given to The Shepherd's Staff and NESAP and Caring & Sharing of Northwest Carroll. The list of the eateries will be published in the service bulletin.

We are working on two additional opportunities to celebrate this momentous occasion and will hopefully occur in 2018 as we provide a Reformation for Families event and an Ecumenical Celebration with our Catholic neighbors. In Christ, the Reformation 500 Planning Team:

Michael Adams, Andy Carr, Martha Clementson,
Cris Frigm, and David Schafer



DEATHS

Debra Hartlaub

May 11, 1951 — March 22, 2017

THANKS

Thrivent Choice dollars received from Caroline and Pastor Charlie

Easter donation received by Esther Miller

Donation to 'The Least of These' received in honor of Doris Dell's 90th Birthday by Bobby & Susan Yingling, Jeff, Jen, Ava, Olivia, Michael and Lindsey

Many thanks to Pastor Charlie and everyone for their prayers and concerns for Greg during his surgery and recuperation from heart surgery.
~Bonnie Hull, Greg Hull and family

The Fellowship Committee thanks all who helped with the Easter Breakfast. We had 80 people attend the breakfast that morning. We even had Mickey Mouse pancakes this year due to one creative person. Thanks again for your help and all who supported the breakfast.

WELCOME



****Congratulations to Michelle and John Biondo!****
Benjamin Gabriel was born on Friday April 14 at 12:11am,
weighing 8 pounds and 20.9 inches long.

****Brandon Solomon received as new member on April 15****

****The Ewing Family****

Tyler and Jessica (Cole) Ewing

Lydia and Henry

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Lydia Grace and Henry Cole Ewing

Sponsored by Justin and Molly Cole

FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

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

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Fellowship committee is planning a yard sale in September, this time partnering with Trinity UCC! We are currently accepting donations, storing the items in the back room of the church downstairs. We are looking for dishes, pots and pans and most usable household goods. Also used furniture in good condition would be welcomed.

If you have items, please contact Rhonda Kiler 443-340-2357 or Brenda Wulforst 443-507-6753. We are happy to pick up or you can deliver to Immanuel during regular office hours Monday-Friday. If you have questionable items, give us a call and we can talk.

SPRING TEA

Well ladies, we survived the winter and spring has finally arrived. All the cooking, baking and shopping is over for the Easter celebration with family and relatives. Now comes the time to start SPRING cleaning... (maybe!?) ... but before that begins, enjoy some time at Immanuel's *SPRING Tea*. Invite your family and friends to enjoy some fellowship, delicious food and a hot cup of tea.

It is on Sunday, May 21, following the 9am service in the Social Hall. ****Seats are limited!!**** Tickets must be purchased in advance. They will be on sale in the Sunday School Auditorium after services on May 6/7. No tickets sold after May 7. Cost is \$8 with children 6 and under free. *If you have any teapots you could donate, then please bring them in!



STEWARDSHIP

NOISY CHANGE FOR WORLD HUNGER

Little things can make a huge difference! This is important when we think of our giving to God through our church, whether we are giving our time, sharing our spiritual gifts, abilities/experience to serve others, or giving our financial resources to support God's work. We may think that the little bit we have is not worth thinking about. If so, we need to think again!



Last year the people of our synod saved up their loose change to make a **“Noisy Change Offering”** to World Hunger. All those little pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters added up to more than \$22,000 to help feed hungry people here and all over the world!

This year we are doing it again. So start saving up your loose change and bring it to church **May 27-28** when we will receive our Noisy Change Offering. Pastor Charlie will deliver our offering to the Synod Assembly June 1 – 2 in Ocean City. If you are away that weekend, you can bring your change to church the weekend before, or during the week.

Thank you in advance for your generous response, and watch little things make a huge difference!

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 every volunteer who made a visit or reached out to a member of Immanuel during March.

We had a successful first round of visitations for this new ministry. The Administration team received positive feedback, the members of Immanuel truly enjoyed and appreciated these visitations. During March, three visits were made along with 3 telephone conversations. The KIT volunteers brought conversation, church bulletins, and even Easter baskets to those they visited. The Administrative team works with Pastor Charlie and the Steven Ministers to address any further needs for those the KIT volunteers visit each month.

We are still 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 team. We hope you consider joining our visitation team!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Remember: The Children's Choir performs **on Mothers' Day, May 14**. We rehearse at 8:15 on May 7 and before the service on the 14th.

This month we wrap up our Sunday School year! A big thank you to all the staff, families and the congregation for your support this past year! This year, we used a new curriculum, welcomed new teachers, split up the ages a bit differently - all in an effort to make Sunday School a fun and exciting place to learn about Jesus. We followed the timeline of Jesus' life and learned how we can follow Jesus in thoughts, words and deeds.

We also had some great activities such as our Italian Dinner, bowling party, Operation Christmas Child, Christmas play, assisting at NESAP, completing our Lenten gratitude calendar and more!

Please join us for Youth Sunday on May 7th during the 9am service. Our youth will be serving many roles such as greeters, readers and offering ushers and singing some great songs too!



As we finish Sunday School, we turn our focus to finalizing plans for this year's VBS! Our theme this year is "Maker Fun Factory", which has some great hands on activities to help us realize we were "Created by God, Built for a Purpose"! Please mark your calendars for July 9th – 13th. We will be serving dinner each evening at 5:30. *We do the kick off event on Sunday at 4:30*. VBS will run from 6pm to 8pm each night with a presentation on Thursday evening to celebrate our week and share all we have learned.

As always, we couldn't make VBS work without your support. If you would like to volunteer or sign up for donation items, please see the sheets in the rear of the sanctuary or see Jen Edwards for more information. Registration form is included in this Visitor and they are also available online.

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: Register by June 1st for a chance to win 2 tickets to the Maryland Science Center!



Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (_____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____



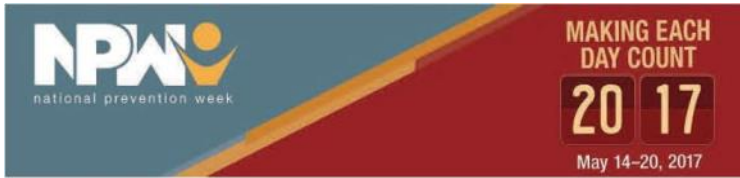
In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

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ACTIVITIES / EVENTS in the area



You're Invited to

Carroll County Prevention Week Kickoff Event

FREE
Resources

Tuesday, May 9, 2017
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Information
Booths

Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company
1341 North Main Street, Hampstead, MD 21074



PROGRAM SPEAKERS

Sheriff Jim DeWees

Linda Auerback, *Carroll County Health Department*

Tim Weber, *State's Attorney's Office*

Beth Schmidt, *Personal Testimony*



Free and Open to the Public

**Hosted by the Hampstead Volunteer
Fire Engine & Hose Company No. 1**

For more information, contact Brenda Parry

443-375-2426, blparry0269@hotmail.com



National Prevention Week is an annual health observance
dedicated to increasing public awareness.

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 **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

CONCERT

featuring the

Martin Luther Choir



and

Augsburg Bell Choir



of

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
Silver Spring, Maryland

Friday, May 12, 2017

7:00 p.m.



Trinity Lutheran Church
Taneytown, MD

Prescription painkiller and heroin abuse is a community issue. Wisdom is the beginning of understanding.

Please join your neighbors for:

Heroin and Opioid Prevention Education

May 25, 2017 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Manchester Town Hall - 3337 Victory Street, Manchester, Maryland 21102

Welcome: Pastor Charlie Marshall, Faith Community Representative

Opioid Community Updates: Hampstead and Manchester
Police Departments

Linda Auerback-Carroll County Health Department

Personal Testimony: Tim Weber, Carroll County States Attorney's Office
Steve Seidel, Manchester Pharmacy and Beth Cox, parent

Free Refreshments and Resources • All Are Welcome

Sponsored by the Northeast Carroll Ministerial Association

Bixlers UMC, Bixler-Millers UMC, Cornerstone, Grace UMC, Greenmount UMC, Immanuel Lutheran, Kirkridge Presbyterian, Manchester Baptist, NESAP, Pleasant Grove UMC, St. Abraham's Lutheran, St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church, St. George's Episcopal Church, St. John's Lutheran, St. John's UMC, St. Mark's Lutheran, St. Marks's UCC, St. Paul's Lutheran, St. Peter Lutheran, Trinity UCC, Wesley UMC

For more information contact Linda Auerback 410-876-4803

CLV GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 2, 2017 Rain ~or~ Shine. 8:30am Tee off at The Links at Gettysburg 601 Mason Dixon Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325

Register online! www.clvillage.org/golf-tournament

Contact Monica Burnham with any questions at (443) 605-1068 or mburnham@clvillage.org

FREDERICK KEYS BASEBALL & FIREWORKS

Join us for a Frederick Keys Baseball Game. On Friday, July 21, at 7pm. Fireworks immediately after the game. If we buy 25 or more tickets, the cost for reserved seats will be: Adults - \$10 (ages 13 – 59)

Seniors - \$7 (60 & over)

Youth (ages 3-12) and Active Military - \$7

Sign up for the Kids Club to get Club Drawstring Bag, Free Hot Dogs and Free Fun Zone ticket!



Please let Robert Miller at Trinity know by May 21, if you are planning to attend and whether or not you would be interested in riding the bus. There is a possibility that bus transportation will be provided and subsidized by the churches attending.

PROPERTY

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

Members: Frank Burnette, John Gregg, Tim Rill

The final kitchen plans have been submitted to Health Department for comment.

The locksets and door hardware will be upgraded to offer a greater security better functionality.

The Social Hall handicap ramp door has been modified to allow proper and easy access and to ensure closing.

The back stairwell to the Sunday school is being painted.

Steve Burris is looking for volunteers to help spread mulch in the flowerbeds and around the oak tree on Saturday, May 20 at 9am. Please contact the church office for additional information.

The week of May 8th, the heating system will be shut down. If the weather turns chilly after this time, please remember to bring a sweater or jacket to church.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

We would like to thank everyone again for all their generosity toward our sponsored families over the Easter Holiday. Each family was delighted with the food and baskets. We could not support these families without your help. From the bottom of our hearts, we THANK YOU ALL!!

NESAP/TOFF is in need of applesauce and bars of soap. Labeled baskets are in the Narthex. Please consider picking up a jar or two of applesauce and some bars of soap (the dollar store sells them). Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

We serve Table of Grace on Tuesday, May 30th. Please join us anytime you can (between 10 and 2) as we make lunch, serve food to the clients and clean up. If you are not able to help on Tuesday, then consider donating a baked good (homemade or store bought). The clients love pies and desserts with icing. Bring items to Church on Sunday (leave in office or on kitchen counter) or drop off on Monday morning.

MISSIONS

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

The May Monthly Mission is Rising Above Addiction Community Foundation of Carroll County sponsored by the Carroll County States Attorney's Office and run by Tracey Kuhns and Tammy Lofink.

Their mission statement: Rising Above Addiction helps provide financial assistance to young adults in need of the crucial, early stages of drug rehabilitation.



Our communities are losing too many youth and young adults to addiction. Addiction is not discriminatory; it reaches across all socio-economic and racial boundaries. No one is immune; odds are you already know someone who is affected by this disease. Rising Above Addiction is committed to being an available resource to family members suffering the effects of a loved one's substance addiction.

As Rising Above Addiction continues to grow, our future goal is to help treat addiction with alternative forms of rehabilitation; reaching outside of the box. Not everyone is the same, so why treat everyone's addiction with the same plan? We believe that each individual has the capacity to find his/her own pathway to a healthy new start.

2016 COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Vice President: John Gregg, 410-599-3091

Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

Your church council met Tuesday, April 11. The meeting began with a presentation by Pastor Fred Lehr, MD/DE Synod. The LEAD program is a Congregational Renewal Process. LEAD's emphasis is to develop bold, deep and consequential leaders. The church council and Pastor Charlie are considering this program for Immanuel. More details to come.

NEW BUSINESS

-Tony Mancuso resigned from church council effective March 1, 2017. Frank Burnette has agreed to fill the rest of this obligation. IELC Bylaws C12.02.04 was discussed. Council unanimously agreed that spouses can serve on church council at the same time without a conflict of interest.

-A member of the community asked permission to rent Immanuel's kitchen facilities for food preparation for her private business. After much discussion, the council agreed not to rent the kitchen at this time. This issue can be revisited in the future.

-TOFF Golf Ball Drop Christmas Tree Park on May 20 from 10am to 1pm. Immanuel will support TOFF with a \$100 sponsorship.

-Council unanimously agreed Troop and Pack 320 will not be charged to use Immanuel's kitchen or social hall for activities.

-Brian Yingling asked permission to organize a church sponsored softball team. Council approved this request and is happy to have Brian chairing this activity. This is a fine way to encourage camaraderie.

-Sunday school will chair a fundraiser offered to area churches by Boscov's department store. We would sell 25% off one-day shopping passes good on 10/17. The cost is \$5 and Immanuel keeps the money. No investment and no risk.

-Synod Assembly is scheduled for June 1 -3 in Ocean City, MD. We are asked to send 3 delegates and 1 confirmed youth member. Immanuel will sponsor the delegates.

-Reformation 500th Anniversary will be held at Big Baker Chapel on Sunday, October 29th at 3:30pm. All choirs in the conference are invited to perform. An offering will be collected to support Carroll Lutheran School. Congregations were asked to plant a tree on church property. Immanuel has little green space to do this.

OLD BUSINESS

The pictorial directory is being finalized and will be printed in house. An on-site shredding event is being considered. This event may be combined with a fall yard sale with Trinity UCC. Our office manager and Fellowship chair person will plan this event. More information to come in weekly bulletins and The Visitor.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Leaders: Bob Nicoll, Connie Dattilio

Members: Evonne Brillhart, Christine Crouch, Carol Nicoll, Audrey Shaffer

Some of you may think that our Stephen Ministry organization here at Immanuel is unique to us.... But it is not.

Stephen Ministry began in 1975 when the Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D., a pastor and clinical psychologist, trained nine members of his congregation in St. Louis to be *Stephen Ministers*.

Over the following years, the Stephen Ministries organization in St. Louis has specialized in “training the trainers” through the Stephen Series ministry system, a complete system for training and organizing laypeople to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around the congregation.

The name *Stephen* comes from St. Stephen, who was the first layperson commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need (Acts 6).

More than 12,000 congregations are enrolled in the Stephen Series. They represent 177 different Christian denominations and come from all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces, and 29 other countries.

More than 70,000 pastors, church staff, and laypeople have been trained as Stephen Leaders at Leader’s Training Courses. These Stephen Leaders have, in turn, trained more than 600,000 congregation members to be Stephen Ministers. Since 1975 Stephen Ministers have provided distinctively Christian care to more than one-and-a-half million people in one-to-one Stephen Ministry caring relationships and have also used their caregiving skills to touch the lives of millions more in other ways.

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	2 11am Bible Study-OTR 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg 7pm Bible Study-Pastor Home	3 7:15pm AA	4 Pastor on Retreat (Day) Wedding Rehearsal 6pm Confirmation Class 7pm Choir Practice 7pm Finance Mtg 8:30 Immanuel Softball	5 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	6 Missions-Special Offering Wedding at Immanuel Spring Tea Tix on Sale 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
7 Missions-Special Offering 8:15am Childrens Choir Practice Acolyte Appreciation/Youth Sunday Spring Tea Tix on Sale 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Coffee Hour 10:30am Adult Bible Study 11:30am Mutual Ministry Mtg	8 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	9 11am Bible Study-OTR 7pm Council Meeting 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg	10 7pm Bible Study-Pastor Home 7:15pm AA	11 6pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Immanuel Softball 7pm Choir Practice	12 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	13 Faith Health Network Wkd 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
14 Mother's Day Faith Health Network Wkd 8:15am Childrens Choir Practice 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation Class	15 9am Work Day 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	16 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg	17 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:15pm AA	18 7pm Choir Practice 8:30pm Immanuel Softball	19 Social Hall Reserved Pastor Day Off 8pm AA	20 Social Hall Reserved Mulching Project 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
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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, Luther Men Choir
Amanda Yingling, 717-880-5215, Children's Choir Coordinator

SAVE THESE DATES

May 6~7 Easter 4

Special Missions Weekend Offering

Acolyte Appreciation Sunday

Youth Sunday

May 12~14 Easter 5

Mother's Day Weekend

Sunday, Children's Choir sings

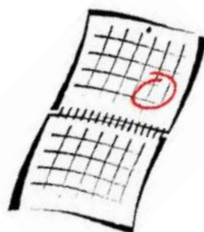
May 20~21 Easter 6

Church Music Sunday

May 27~28 Ascension Weekend Services at 5pm and 9am

June 3~4 Pentecost Weekend Services at 5pm and 9am

June 10~11 Holy Trinity Weekend Services at 5pm and 9am



MAY ALTAR GUILD

Sundays

Barb and Gene Yingling

MAY HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm

Todd Robinson

Sundays at 9am

Frank Burnette

ALTAR FLOWERS and LESSONS & PRAYERS

Open sponsorship dates are still available for your consideration on the Flower Calendar outside the church office. We suggest that you share the cost of a sponsorship with a family member of a friend.

Sponsorship forms are available beside the calendar. All information with payment must be received by the church office by Wednesday noon of the week prior to your reserved date for inclusion in the weekend bulletins.

Prices: \$50 Both Altar Vases

\$25 One vase only

\$30 Center Arrangement

\$20 Lessons & Prayers

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
ATTENDANCES**

YEAR	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday
2013	69	81
2014	73	101
2015	42	59
2016	41	67
2017	43	73

**EASTER WEEKEND
ATTENDANCES**

Year	Easter Vigil	7am Easter	9am Easter
2013	55	63	214
2014	52	78	161
2015	40	61	173
2016	31	61	116
2017	50	53	125

ACOLYTE APPRECIATION SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 7th**, Immanuel will congratulate our valuable acolytes for their service to the church for **Acolyte Appreciation Sunday**. Our acolytes serve an important bridge between Pastor Charlie and the congregation at every worship service during the year! We wish to acknowledge the following young people for their faithful service:

Dylan Andrews	Jayden Bosnick	Jordan Bosnick
Ashton Eckhardt	Tanner Eckhardt	Ryan Edwards
Austin Gregg	Willis Kiler	Kyle Robinson

MOTHER’S DAY TRIBUTE

Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 14th. Every woman attending our weekend services will receive a pink carnation thanking them for helping to nurture the life of a child. Our *‘We Love You, Mom’* tribute will be displayed on the bulletin board across from the stairway. Music and Worship is accepting donations of photos of our moms and grandmothers through Sunday, May 7th. Stop by and enjoy reading all the thank you notes of encouragement and love to the Mothers of Immanuel.

MUSIC MINISTRY at IMMANUEL

Church Music Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21st.

During the 9am service, Music and Worship will recognize the volunteer time given by Adult Choir, the Chime Choir, the Luther Men Choir and the Children’s Choir (*All God’s Children*) and their directors, coordinators and accompanists. Individuals have dedicated rehearsal time and given up ‘family time’ during worship. Support them on May 21st by thanking them for sharing their gift of music with our church family!



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 25. The **Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on Sunday, May 28th**. The next time you are in our 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 28th at the 9am service.

PENTECOST WEEKEND

At the weekend services of **June 3-4**, Immanuel will celebrate the **Festival of Pentecost**. On the fiftieth the 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'. Pentecost is sometime 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, 2017)

MAY LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

Lectionary readings for your personal Home Bible Study during May.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
May 1~7 Easter 4	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 8~14 Easter 5	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5,15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 15~21 Easter 6	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 22~28 Ascension	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
May 29~June 4 Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23



If you wish to be added, please notify
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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Wendy Maloney
Linda Gregg
Fred Ayers
Sunshine Cobak
Alice Myers

Stephen Swain
Betty Wildasin
Ellen Linsenbardt
Cheryl Graf
Benjamin Eppley

Pete Wulforst
Tracey Graf
Nancy Hoffman

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

May 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday May 6 Easter 4	Saturday May 13 Easter 5 <i>Mother's Day Wknd</i>	Saturday May 20 Easter 6	Saturday May 27 Ascension Wknd
Head Usher	Todd Robinson	Todd Robinson	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain
Greeter	Charlotte Hann	Mary Ayers	Barb Davidson	Judy Bixler
Lector	Luther Myers	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain	Fred Ayers
Offering Ushers	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Fred Ayers Jeanne Swain	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Linda Black Judy Bixler
Communion	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain	Fred Ayers

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday May 7 Easter 4 <i>Acolyte Appreciation Youth Sunday</i>	Sunday May 14 Easter 5 <i>Mother's Day Weekend</i>	Sunday May 21 Easter 6	Sunday May 28 Ascension Sunday
Head Usher	Frank Burnette	Frank Burnette	Frank Burnette	Frank Burnette
Altar Guild	Barb Yingling Gene Yingling	Barb Yingling Gene Yingling	Barb Yingling Gene Yingling	Barb Yingling Gene Yingling
Greeters	YOUTH	John Popp Bart Walder	Linda Gregg Carolyn Kittelberger	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead
Lector	YOUTH	Carolyn Hamlet	Russell Jensen	Barbara Guthrie
Offering Ushers	YOUTH	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips Barb Skelley Bill Skelley
Communion Stewards	Susan Burnette Audrey Shaffer Bart Walder Barb Yingling	Susan Burnette Christine Crouch Jo Fleck Joe Fleck	Susan Burnette John Gregg Rhonda Kiler Denise Rickell	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Wendy Maloney
Acolytes ~ Torchbearers	Ryan Edwards Kyle Robinson	Tanner Eckhardt Dylan Andrews	Austin Gregg Willis Kiler	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Ashton Eckhardt	Pete Wulforst	Joe Fleck	Gene Yingling
Bell Ringer	Bob Nicoll	Christine Crouch	Denise Rickell	Connie Dattilio
	Ernest Weiss	Brian Kremen	Joe Fleck	Frank Burnette

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ~ SUMMER VACATIONS

Many members are regular worship assistants for our weekend services. For everyone's convenience, the worship duty schedules are published for the current month, and an advanced look ahead for the next month. Summer vacations are quickly on the horizon. During the **months of June, July and August**, if you know that you will be away from church for a particular weekend, please contact Susan Burnette so adequate adjustments may be made in your absence. Thank you.

June 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday June 3 <small>Vigil of Pentecost</small>	Saturday June 10	Saturday June 17	Saturday June 24
Head Usher	Brenda Wulforst	Brenda Wulforst	Brenda Wulforst	Brenda Wulforst
Greeter	Janis Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Mary Ayers	Barb Davidson
Lector	Luther Myers	Linda Black	Fred Ayers	Judy Bixler
Offering Ushers	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Jeanne Swain Brenda Wulforst	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson
Communion	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Fred Ayers	Jeanne Swain
Supply Pastor	TBD	-----	-----	-----

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

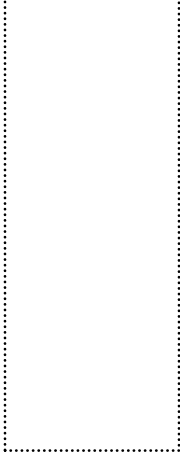
	Sunday June 4 <small>Day of Pentecost</small>	Sunday June 11 <small>The Holy Trinity</small>	Sunday June 18 <small>Father's Day</small>	Sunday June 25
Head Usher	Jamie Rooney	Jamie Rooney	Jamie Rooney	Jamie Rooney
Altar Guild	Susan Burnette Wendy Maloney	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight
Greeters	Betty Miller John Popp	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Chris Miller Debbie Miller	Frank Burnette Steve Burris
Lector	Lindsay Lopata	Joe Fleck	Carolyn Hamlet	Bob Nicoll
Offering Ushers	Jennifer Edwards Jeremy Edwards Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Barbara Guthrie Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray	Brian Kremen Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Gene Yingling
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Audrey Shaffer Barb Yingling	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Andy Kiler Rhonda Kiler	Susan Burnette Debbie Hebrank Denise Rickell Sandy Voight	Susan Burnette Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips Bart Walder
Acolytes ~ Torchbearers	Jayden Bosnick Jordan Bosnick	Dylan Andrews Willis Kiler	Ryan Edwards Kyle Robinson	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Crucifer	Bart Walder	Pete Wulforst	-----	-----
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll	Denise Rickell	Connie Dattilio	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Gene Yingling	Frank Burnette	Joe Fleck	Ernest Weiss

NOTE: The Worship Assistant Schedules are subject to change during any weekend service above. Reminder emails or phone calls are sent each week. Should you be unable to fulfill your duty responsibility ~ **CONTACT** Susan Burnette (sb31220@gmail.com)

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