



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....

"With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." Mark 4:30-32

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Father's Day I preached on the parable of the mustard seed. The more I think about that simple story, the more I realize we are living in a mustard seed world here at Immanuel. During the children's sermon that day, we had a mustard seed moment. Mackenzie Greenwood (who just graduated from Spring Garden Elementary School), the founder of the Little Free Pantry in Hampstead, presented a grant to Immanuel to help us start up a Little Free Pantry for Manchester. All it took was one child with a mustard seed dream and the determination to sow that seed, and now that seed is growing and spreading. We are the first of many other communities who will be starting up similar free pantries to feed the hungry right where we live, and all from that one tiny mustard seed.



Let me mention three more mustard seeds that are growing and bringing blessing to others.

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More than 40 years ago, several members of Lutheran congregations in Carroll County (including Immanuel) had a mustard seed dream of establishing a non-profit organization to serve older adults of all faiths. They sowed that seed, and in 1980-81 the first cottages and health care center for Carroll Lutheran Village opened. That seed has grown phenomenally since then, most recently with the addition of a whole new retirement community, Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant. Now the two Villages have formed a parent organization, Lutheran Social Ministries of Maryland, that will help this mustard seed dream to grow even more in the future.

In May of 1996, while I was pastor of Mt. Joy and St. Paul's Harney, another mustard seed dream came into being: the creation of a Lutheran school for families in Carroll County. Four years later, the seed sprouted and grew into Carroll Lutheran School which opened in September 2000 and continued to grow until CLS moved into its own building in January 2007. Today CLS is one of the finest schools in the county, raising up students in a supportive Christian environment. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for word about a new scholarship program that will help CLS to keep on growing and serving in Jesus' name.

Last but not least is the mustard seed dream that has become Kids Feeding Kids, which will begin its second year of providing service learning hours and leadership training for disadvantaged youth in our community, and providing a welcoming meal for hungry children and their families, here at Immanuel. Again, look for more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

These are just a few of the mustard seeds that are growing and spreading and blessing others here at Immanuel, which itself began as a mustard seed dream back in 1760! What mustard seed dream has God put on your heart? Go ahead and sow that seed... and watch what happens!

Have a wonderful summer!

~Pastor Charlie Marshall

ARE YOU RECEIVING PASTOR CHARLIE'S WEEKLY EMAIL?

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

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING

Remember:

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW AT IMMANUEL

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

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Lectionary Bible Study

Meets weekly throughout the year in the Martin Luther Room following the service, approx. 10:15–11:15am. On coffee hour Sundays, we meet 10:45–11:30am.

Each week (except for the LEAD study on July 15) we will explore the Gospel reading for the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

July 1: Mark 6:1-13

July 22: John 6:1-21

July 8: Mark 6:14-29

July 29: John 6:24-35

July 15: LEAD Bible Study

MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: Ecclesiastes

Both groups meet weekly in July except during VBS (July 8-12), continuing their study of the Old Testament book of wisdom, Ecclesiastes. Everyone is welcome!

Morning Group will meet in the Oak Tree Room
on Tuesday July 3, 17, 24 & 31 at 11am.

Evening Group will meet at the Pastor's home,
(840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158)
on Tuesday, July 3, 17, 24 & 31 at 7pm.

CONFIRMATION CLASS:

We are on summer break and will resume after Labor Day. This two year program is open to all youth in grades 7-12. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Charlie this summer so we can get the ball rolling.

COMING IN JULY: LEAD BIBLE STUDY

Listening to God in Scripture and Prayer

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 10:15 am – 12:00pm

Join our LEAD Team as we listen to God speak to us through the story of the explosive, Holy Spirit empowered growth of the early Church as recorded in the Book of Acts. We will explore what life was like in the early Church (Acts 2:42-47), how the Spirit led Philip across racial and cultural barriers to bring the good news to an Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-39), and how the Spirit empowered Peter to reach beyond the rigid barrier between Jew and Gentile to bring the good news to a Roman army officer and his household (Acts 10:1-48). In light of these scriptures, we will prayerfully consider how the Holy Spirit may be moving us to cross man-made barriers to reach people in our neighborhood with the good news of Jesus today. Join us on this journey of discovery for our congregation!

PASTOR CHARLIE'S JULY BIBLE CHALLENGE: EPHESIANS 1-5

For our July Bible Challenge we will read slowly through the first five chapters of the letter to the Ephesians. This will provide us with a context for the readings from Ephesians at our weekend services July 15–Aug 26. We will read through the last chapter of Ephesians during the first week of August. The online Bible Study will continue with daily comments from Pastor Charlie on Facebook. Email him at pastorc@ielcmd.org to join this private group, or if you would like to receive copies via email of the comments he posts there for each day.

7/1 Ephesians 1:1-6	7/12 Ephesians 3:1-6	7/23 Ephesians 4:26-29
7/2 Ephesians 1:7-10	7/13 Ephesians 3:7-10	7/24 Ephesians 4:30-32
7/3 Ephesians 1:11-14	7/14 Ephesians 3:11-13	7/25 Ephesians 5:1-2
7/4 Ephesians 1:15-19	7/15 Ephesians 3:14-17	7/26 Ephesians 5:3-6
7/5 Ephesians 1:20-23	7/16 Ephesians 3:18-21	7/27 Ephesians 5:7-14
7/6 Ephesians 2:1-3	7/17 Ephesians 4:1-6	7/28 Ephesians 5:15-20
7/7 Ephesians 2:4-7	7/18 Ephesians 4:7-10	7/29 Ephesians 5:21-24
7/8 Ephesians 2:8-10	7/19 Ephesians 4:11-13	7/30 Ephesians 5:25-28
7/9 Ephesians 2:11-14	7/20 Ephesians 4:14-16	7/31 Ephesians 5:29-33
7/10 Ephesians 2:15-18	7/21 Ephesians 4:17-21	
7/11 Ephesians 2:19-22	7/22 Ephesians 4:22-25	

MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP

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



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.

CHECK OUT CHURCH WEBSITE: IELCMD.ORG

- *Pastor's sermons: Listen to the pastor's sermon
- *Most recent bulletins and newsletters
- *Donations: Immanuel secure online giving service

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Gretchen Jensen!

May you be filled with the Holy Spirit
as you begin your new journey as a Stephen Minister.

THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for their good thoughts, prayers, and cards for my mother's recent death. My family and I appreciated the kindness.

~Thanks Sharon Slivecky

Donations received in memory of Gloria Armacost by

Doris Dell

Leonora Hoffman

Barbara & Gene Yingling, designated to the kitchen fund

Frank & Susan Burnette, designated to the Music Ministry at Immanuel

To all my Immanuel family and friends, thank you for all of your prayers, cards, visits and well wishes after my fall in my apartment and during my rehab stay at CLV. I appreciate each and every one of you and ask for your continued prayers. ~Doris Dell

Donations through the Thrivent Choice program received by Ruth Calp

*Contact the church office for information on how you can support Immanuel
by designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars.*

While Jerry enjoyed his two-week vacation, thank you to

Sandy Voight for playing at the Saturday evening services.

Audrey Moose for playing the 1st Sunday.

Ben Starr for playing the 2nd Sunday.

TRANSFER

Maripat Smith (Luntz) transferred to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hershey, PA. We wish her well in her new church home.

DEATHS

Families and friends of:

Carl Krauss, father of the late Ann Weiner

Andy Farley, Jeanne Swain's brother-in-law

LEAD

Chris Crouch, Facilitator; John Gregg, Council Liaison
Pastor Charlie, Debbie Miller, Debbie Mace, Terri Rill

Thanks again to all who completed the LEAD congregational assessment back in April and May! Let me share briefly the overall results of the assessment.

We had 60 responses, which is a good number for the size of our congregation. More than half were from people age 65+, with only 2 responses each from those age 18-24 and 25-34, and no responses from our youth (age 12-17). The team will be reaching out to hear from these under-represented age groups.

The LEAD process identifies four basic ways in which congregations understand and carry out their mission. **Stalled** congregations are focused on themselves, with no interest or involvement in mission beyond their own members and building. **Out of Breath** congregations are trying to reach out beyond themselves, but have a hard time motivating their members and connecting with the community. **Becoming** congregations are reaching out in mission and connecting in meaningful ways with the community but lack an overall vision and strategy that is fully mission-driven and that engages most of their members. **Growing** congregations have a clear vision and strategy for mission with a set of values that are broadly held by church members and are part of the congregation's "DNA." They see themselves less as **doing for** others in the community and more as **partnering with** others in the community to do God's work together.

The results of our assessment show that Immanuel can best be identified right now as a **Becoming** congregation. We are out there serving and making a real difference in the community and need to develop a vision and strategy that will engage more of our members in this mission so that it becomes not just what we do, but who we are. Looking at the four descriptions above, does this ring true for you based on how you perceive our church?

Later this summer we will be exploring the results more in depth with small groups and individuals as we continue Step 4 of the LEAD process: Listening to God in the Congregation. In the meantime, our LEAD team will be engaged in Listening to God in Scripture & Prayer (Steps 2 & 3).

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If you attended the Lenten midweek Bible study this year, you got a taste of what the team will be doing. Whether or not you attended, you are invited to join our team in a special **Listening Event** following Sunday worship on July 15, beginning promptly at 10:15 am and ending at 12 pm. This will be an extended version of our regular Sunday morning bible study group focusing on how the Holy Spirit empowered the first believers to reach out across all sorts of barriers with the good news of Jesus – and how the Holy Spirit can help us do the same today!

May God help us all to **Live Everyday As Disciples!**

~Pastor Charlie and our Immanuel LEAD Team:

Chris Crouch, John Gregg, Debbie Mace, Debbie Miller, and Terri Rill



GROW CLOSER TO GOD THIS SUMMER

A new spiritual resource from LEAD is available this summer: a series of 20 devotions around the theme “A Summer of Intentions.” Each daily devotion includes suggestions for spending the day “with all the curiosity and imagination that God gave me.” There is a Bible verse related to that day’s theme and suggestions on how to “share my joy” with someone. You can find it at <http://waytolead.org/intentions/>, where you can also sign up to have each day’s devotional emailed to you. We hope to have a print version available at church by Sunday, July 1.

MISSIONS

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

Special Offering for the July monthly mission will be collected for
The Hampstead Fire Department.



On July 7th and 8th, representatives from the fire department will be at Immanuel. ***The Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company*** was organized in 1900 to provide emergency services to Hampstead and the surrounding communities of Carroll and Baltimore Counties. They currently operate out of a single station on Main Street, dispatched by the Carroll County 911 center. They have 2 Engines, 1 Truck, 1 Brush Unit, 2 Paramedic equipped ambulances, and 2 utility vehicles.

Part of their operations budget comes from an allocation of tax dollars from Carroll County. All capital purchases of equipment use funds that are raised from various activities like our summer carnival, public dinners, and bingo. Contributions to the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company, a 501c3 organization, are tax-deductible. The Board of Managers, Officers, and the members of the fire company thank you for your generous contribution and support.

Mission Statement The Hampstead Volunteer Fire Engine & Hose Company No. 1 is dedicated to protecting and preserving the lives, property, and environment of the citizens and visitors of the communities to which we serve. We will achieve this by providing the highest levels of fire suppression, rescue services, and emergency medical care through continual training, public education, and emergency response.

They are always looking for members
who are dedicated to serving their community.
** *Here is your chance to give something back!!* **

Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company
1341 North Main Street PO Box 231
Hampstead, MD 21074
Station Phone: 410-239-4280
Activities Phone: 410-374-2424
E-Mail: info@hampsteadvfd.org

Remember to write checks for Special Offering to 'Immanuel Church'

FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

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

Linda Gregg; Matthew Rooney; Jamie Rooney

*We had a reception on May 20th to honor Ashton Eckardt and Sarah Day. They finished confirmation classes and are now members of Immanuel.

*On June 3rd we had our coffee hour.

*On June 8th the Fellowship Committee sold food at the Maurer and Miller auction. We sold hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage and egg breakfast sandwiches, and baked goods. Baked goods were made by the women of our congregation. Homemade pies, brownies, candy, cookies and fudge. Any leftover sweets were taken to Immanuel for the congregation to enjoy on Sunday after church. Everything donated was used and helped us make \$740 for Immanuel.

More important than the \$740 are the people who stepped up to make this event possible. This would not have been possible without our church family. In this day and age it is truly amazing that we had homemade pies, peanut butter candy, brownies and fudge donated. Thanks again for always being there to help.

SCOUTS

Congratulations Joe!

On June 10th a ceremony was held for Eagle Scout, Joseph Poore.

An Eagle Scout is the highest rank in scouting.



**** Established in 1932**

- Troop 320 is the oldest Boy Scout troop in Carroll County **

The troop holds meetings on Tuesdays, 7-830pm at Immanuel. Join us!

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer: Sharon Slivecky, 410-790-6146, sslivecky@ielcmd.org

Chair: Jeremy Edwards, 443-695-6371, jedwards@ielcmd.org

Members: Garth Eckhardt, Audrey Shaffer, Matthew Rooney, Jeff Yingling,
Rachel Murphy, Frank Burnette, Norm Downes

TREASURER

I have performed the duties of Treasurer for a few months now and I am starting to feel comfortable with the tasks. I would like to ask the congregation for their feedback, as I believe that my duties, include responding to members and their questions about the finances. So, I welcome all input. Feel free to either catch me at church, leave a note in my mail box, or call me, 410-790-6146.

~ Thanks for your input,
Sharon Slivecky

AUTOMATIC AND ONLINE DONATIONS

Immanuel offers a secure online giving service through our website! This is an easy way for you to submit one-time donations or setup recurring contributions directly from your checking account or using a credit card. Visit our website: <http://ielcmd.org>

**Instead of going online, there is also a hardcopy form available **

MONTHLY MISSION SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Please *write checks to Immanuel Lutheran Church*. The collected monies are sent to the organization as one check from Immanuel.

CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Vice President: John Gregg, 410-599-3091

Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

Immanuel's church council met on Tuesday, June 12, 2017 in the Martin Luther room. The following business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- *A request was received from Immanuel's Scouts to restart Pack 320. A motion was unanimously approved to support this endeavor. Council requested an update from the Troop in August.
- *Several council members will complete their 3 year term in Dec 2018. These representatives should consider continuing after the New Year. Council members should be actively seeking members of the congregation to join church council.

OLD BUSINESS

- *A \$200 grant was applied for and received to start Immanuel's Little Free pantry in the fall. Troop 320 will assist with the structure.
- *Kids Feeding Kids—Again this summer, Immanuel will host this program in the church Social Hall. The start date is July 17 and the hours of operation will be Tuesday through Friday from 11 to 1 pm. It is scheduled to run for a four week period and then a reevaluation meeting will be held. Kitchen renovations may impact this project.
- *Several additional projects were “tabled” until August because the necessary council members were not in attendance. This includes “God's Work, Our Hands”, Website Admin Training, Exercise Equipment liability and CRASE training.
- *July is a vacation month for church council with no meeting scheduled until August. Always watch your weekly bulletin and monthly Visitor for updates.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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



We are so excited for Vacation Bible School! From July 8TH – 12TH, we will dig into our theme of “Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus”, which is full of wonderful activities, music and Bible stories to remind us how Jesus is there for us and rescues us in any situation in our lives!

It's not too late to register – please share this info with friends, family and neighbors. All youth are welcome (ages 0-2 must have adult stay with them). Registration form on last page of newsletter. Also available on website. Complete the form and return to the church office as soon as possible.

- * Tuesday, July 4: Immanuel VBS will participate
in the Manchester carnival parade!
- * Sunday, July 8: VBS kick off starts at 4:30pm
Dinner and special activities outside,
and then VBS runs 6-8pm
- * Monday–Wednesday: Dinner at 5:30,
(July 9 – 11) VBS from 6-8pm
- * Thursday, July 12: Dinner at 5:30, VBS from 6-8 pm
with a special presentation at 7:30 to celebrate
our week and share all we have learned
All families and congregation are invited to join us at 7:30.
- * Sunday, July 15: During the 9am service, our youth will recap
our VBS week and share some songs they learned

We are excited to share Bible stories, songs, games and crafts as we enjoy food, fellowship and fun! If anyone is interested in volunteering throughout the week, please let Jen Edwards or any member of Sunday School team, Pastor Charlie or Rachel know! Hope to see you there!

Carroll Lutheran School

1738 Old Taneytown Road Westminster, MD 21158

(410) 848-1050 www.clsedu.org

info@carrolllutheralschool.org

* We are currently in Open Enrollment for our K-8 classes and are encouraging all interested members of Immanuel to schedule a tour or learn more about how to register.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM CLS

SEND A STUDENT FROM YOUR CONGREGATION TO CLS AT GREATLY REDUCED TUITION!

CLS has exciting news to share with all of our conference churches. A new scholarship program channel has been created that will allow your church to send a student to CLS for a fraction of the cost of standard tuition. CLS knows just how important and integral your church is, not only to the original creation of the school, but to its success over the long term.

The program itself is simple. CLS is offering one Conference Church Scholarship to a student of your choosing. The program allows one student to attend CLS for a tuition cost of just \$2,000 per year, compared to the standard tuition of approximately \$7,000 per year. That's it! Your church simply needs to identify an interested student and refer that student to the school, having them note that your Church is referring them. CLS will take care of the rest.

The exceptional education provided by CLS, that is formed in faith, is unmatched in the area, and the goal of CLS is to bring that high quality education to as many students as possible.

The details of how the tuition cost is covered are up to your church. Here are some examples that are being used by other churches:

- † Offer this option to a family that is interested and they may pay the tuition directly. **This has no requirement of funding from your church.**
- † Churches are using creative "funding" options such as "sell stock to support Sally," whereby congregation members can contribute to the child's scholarship fund to offset the cost. Often this is done by taking the \$2,000 tuition and dividing it into "shares" of \$10 each. Then, the 200 shares are "sold" to the congregation members so that they can have a role in helping to bring this exceptional education to the child.
- † Churches are doing more traditional fundraisers such as car washes and bake sales to help support the child's tuition.
- † Churches are simply asking for donations to offset the tuition and allocating funds from other budget categories to pay the remaining tuition on the child's behalf.

There are many ways to achieve the funding goal, and if you would like help in crafting the programs to do just that, please reach out to our Development Director, Ms. Kristin Brooks, at development@clsedu.org or by calling the school to speak with her at 410-848-1050. **Just remember, there is absolutely no obligation of your church to fund this program. Your church can simply offer this to your congregational members and they may pay the tuition directly.**

We are so pleased to be able to announce this amazing program and there is still plenty of time to select a child and have them start the next school year at CLS.

We are striving for 100% participation from all conference churches and we hope that you will see the value of one of your young people being a part of the magic that happens at CLS each and every day.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In addition to VBS at Immanuel,
here are two other opportunities:

**** Monday-Friday, July 16 -July 20 6pm-8pm ****

Trinity Lutheran Church 410-848-8923
833 Deer Park Road Westminster, MD 21157

Informational flyer is on bulletin board outside of sanctuary.
Online registration at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/trinitywired>

**** Monday-Friday, July 23 -July 27 9am - 12pm ****

St Paul's Lutheran Church 410-239-3456
Dover & Trenton Rds at Rt 30 Upperco, MD 21155

Registration forms posted on bulletin board outside of sanctuary.
Also available on church website: www.stpaulsuperco.org

VBS typically is grades 1–5. Some have pre-school age as well. Middle school age children can earn service hours for helping. All volunteers and participants need to register. We are still looking for volunteers! Any questions, contact the congregations directly.

MANCHESTER'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY

On Sunday, June 17th Immanuel Lutheran Church was the first recipient of a start-up grant offered by Hampstead's Little Free Pantry.

We plan to have our pantry up and running by this fall. Boy Scout Troop 320 will build the structure. The Sunday School students of Immanuel will run and maintain the pantry. We are so excited for this new endeavor and thankful to Makenzie Greenwood for offering this wonderful opportunity.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FLEA MARKET

St Paul's Church (Rt 30 & Dover Rd Upperco, 21155) holds a monthly flea market through October. With over 70 vendor spaces—there is something for everyone! Stop by and shop. Or consider being a vendor one month! More information: 410-526-7598 or FleaMarket@StPaulsUpperco.org

2018 Flea Market Schedule Rain or Shine from 8am to 2pm.

July 21 · August 18 · September 15 · October 13

NEW BUSINESS IN MANCHESTER

Stop by and support Steeped Tea Café! Saturday & Sundays 10am-4pm
We offer a variety of teas that will bring your palate to life, and our pastries, soups and sandwiches are made fresh daily. If you would like to make a reservation or plan a special event please call 443-986-9745 between 9am-7pm. Walk-ins are welcome.



Steeped Tea Café 3223 Main St Manchester, MD

KIDS FEEDING KIDS

Starting July 17 through August 10, Immanuel is hosting a summer lunch program for children (adults are also welcome!) in the Social Hall. Lunch is served Tuesday through Friday from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

ATTN: Middle and High School students

Earn service learning hours toward graduation requirement, gain leadership, teamwork and job/life skills and have FUN!

We need help to

set up (11-11:30), serve lunch (11:30-12:30) and clean up (12:30-1).

We are also in need of adult helpers. Work around your schedule and help when you can!

Call Sharon Bonner at 443-847-8185 to sign up or for more information.

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Adult Bible Study	2 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	3 11am Bible Study 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home	4 <i>Fourth of July</i> 7:15pm AA	5 Pastor Repeat Day	6 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	7 Missions Special Offering 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
8 Missions Special Offering 9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Coffee Hour 10:45am Adult Bible Study	9 9am Work Day 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	10 7pm Scouts	11 7:15pm AA	12	13 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	14 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
15 VBS Recap 9am Worship / Communion *10:15-12pm LEAD Bible Study * Everyone is invited	16 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	17 11am Bible Study 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home	~ Vacation Bible School July 8 - 12 ~ 5:30pm Dinner, 6-8pm VBS 6-8pm VBS		20 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	21 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
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29 9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Adult Bible Study	30 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	31 10am-1pm Table of Grace 11am Bible Study 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home				

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Leaders: Bob Nicoll, Connie Dattilio

Members: Evonne Brilhart, Christine Crouch, Bonnie Hull, Gretchen Jensen,
Carol Nicoll, Audrey Shaffer

Congratulations to Gretchen Jensen who completed her 50 hours of Stephen Ministry Training. Gretchen was commissioned into service as a Stephen Minister at our 9:00am service on June 24, 2018.

As a Stephen Minister she is prepared to give care for people who are hurting from life challenges. She is ready and willing to listen, encourage and offer emotional and spiritual support. As a commissioned Stephen Minister Gretchen's training is just beginning. Our Stephen Ministers meet 2 hours each month for supervision, additional training and special presentations when arrangements can be made. We attend retreats and visit various care facilities during the year. Carroll Lutheran Village will be offering the basic 50-hour Steven Ministry course this fall and this opportunity is open to any one interested in becoming a Stephen Minister.

~Audrey Shaffer

PROPERTY

Chair: Tim Rill

Members: Frank Burnette, John Gregg, Brian Kremen, Steve Burris

Things are happening in the kitchen! Here are pictures to prove it!



SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

FEMININE PRODUCTS DRIVE

Thank you to every person who donated feminine products in June.

LOCAL PANTRY COLLECTION

In July we are collecting canned protein products. However, the shelves are well stocked with tuna. Please donate any protein type meat (besides tuna fish). These meats will be donated to TOFF and NESAP.

NESAP continues to need plastic grocery bags and brown paper grocery bags. These bags can also be dropped off in the Narthex or education building, where the donation baskets are.



TABLE OF GRACE

ToG [Table of Grace] was served on Tuesday, May 29. Thank you to the following people who took their time to help.

Barb Skelley, Gene and Barb Yingling, Chris Crouch, Pastor Charlie, Kathy Register, Norm Downes and Deb Hebrank. Thank you also to Deb Bowdoin from Jerusalem Lutheran church.

Immanuel will again serve ToG on July 31. Please consider helping or baking for the event. Pies or caked with frosting are very appreciated.

DID YOU KNOW ?!??

THRIVENT DOLLARS - Anyone can become an Associate Member of Thrivent for \$20 a year. This entitles you to a one time distribution of \$250. Please consider becoming an Associate Member. Social Ministry & Fellowship can put these dollars to WONDERFUL use. Let us know if we can help you apply.

NORTH EAST SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM

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

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

OUR \$2 SALE IS HERE!

Through July 18th, most clothing in the store in only \$2.00! *
New tagged items, summer clothing, and more. Summer clothing at bargain pricing while it is still HOT outside! *(Excludes formal wear, undergarments, swimsuits, and athletic wear.)

STORE HOURS

PLEASE NOTE: Now that it is lighter later, the store is now open until 8pm on Thursdays. Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 9am-3pm

Thurs 9am-8pm

Never on Sunday

Mar-Lu-Ridge

3200 Mar-Lu-Ridge Rd Jefferson, MD 21755

mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org 1-800-238-9974 301-874-5544

Our first campers have arrived! We are excited to welcome everyone! Staff training went smoothly and we are ready for a safe, exciting, faith filled summer session.

Our lessons will focus on the many ways God's grace changes everything: our hearts, our identity, our purpose, our community, and our perspective. We invite you to follow along through our social media sites as the summer unfolds.

Thank you for your prayers and support - we value each member of our community and know we could not do this work without you. At our Community Dinner last month, we had the opportunity to thank our volunteers and financial supporters for the commitment to this ministry. Even if you were not able to join us, please know that we are grateful!

There is still space in some of our camps, so if you haven't registered yet, please check out the website today!

Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp is a safe, faith-centered outdoor experience for your camper, and a super fun way to connect with new friends and grow in faith and confidence. We offer residential camps for ages 6-17, Day Camp on-site for ages 6-10, and Mobile Mar Lu Day Camps for congregations. Visit our website to learn more!



WORSHIP & MUSIC

Susan Burnette, 410-357-9466, sb31220@gmail.com, Chariman and Woman's Harmony Choir
 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, Children's Choir Coordinator

MAY 2018 SATURDAY ~ SUNDAY WORSHIP

Weekend Services	Sat-Sun Attendance	Remarks
May 5,6	18 + 95 = 113	E-6, Acolyte Appreciation
12,13	24 + 95 = 119	Ascension, Mother's Day
19,20	11 + 100 = 111	Pentecost, Confirmation
26,27	16 + 58 = 74	Holy Trinity
May Totals	417	
Wkend Average	104	

PAST PENTECOST SERVICES

Pentecost Sundays	Attendances
June 8, 2014	172
May 24, 2015	83
May 15, 2016	90
June 4, 2017	91
May 20, 2018	100

LOOKING AHEAD ...

Sunday, July 1

Red, White and Blue Sunday Wear your patriotic colors!

Special Music ~ The Luther Men

Weekend, July 7-8

Monthly Special Mission Offering collected for '*Hampstead Fire Dept*'

Sunday Coffee Hour, Social Hall following service

August 25-26

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 16

Holy Cross Sunday

September 22-23

Decorate for Harvest Home – Saturday at 10am

Harvest Home Weekend Services at 5pm and 9am

'*Fill-Our-Baskets*' Food Drive

October 6-7

Old Fashioned Hymn Sing Weekend at 5pm and 9am

Sunday Special Music ~ The Luther Men

JULY ALTAR GUILD

Wendy Maloney
Sandy Voight

JULY HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm:
Judy Bixler

Sundays at 9am:
Jamie Rooney
(July 22: Susan Burnette)

RED, WHITE and BLUE SUNDAY

Join everyone for the *Fourth of July* with a **Red, White and Blue Sunday** on **July 1st** at the 9am service. Our favorite patriotic hymns will be sung and the Luther Men will provide the special music for the service. Everyone is asked to *wear their patriotic colors!*



GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

For those in the congregation, who are gluten intolerant, your weekly communion offers gluten-free wafers as your communion host along with regular pita bread. Please express your wishes to Pastor Charlie when you arrive at the communion rail. A communion steward will present a ciborium chalice of gluten-free wafers for you. Pre-filled grape juice cups are available in addition to poured wine.

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Immanuel's Altar Guild is recruiting new faces to serve on the guild. Members are always needed to coordinate the 'behind-the-scenes' setup and cleanup of communion at our Sunday Morning Services. Twenty minutes of your volunteer time before and after a service is all that is required and NO experience is needed. Individuals or husband-wife teams are encouraged to join our guild. See Susan Burnette or any member of Immanuel's current Altar Guild with your interest or questions. Our annual Altar Guild meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 11th.



DEVOTIONALS

The July, August, September devotional, **Christ In Our Home**, is now available in the tiered display case at the stairway of the Educational entrance. Each quarter is available in small pocket edition along with a few large-print editions. Stop by and get your copy.

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS ~ FLOWERS

and LESSONS & PRAYERS

Fresh seasonal flowers are available to sponsor as altar vases or center arrangements during the weekend services during the year. Please sign up on the Flower Calendar in the office hallway. Sponsorship forms and envelopes are posted. Your written information with payment must be received on the Wednesday prior to your reserved date by 12 noon, in order, to insure its inclusion in each weekend bulletin. Consider co-sponsoring with a family member or friend.

OPEN DATES still available for sponsorship:

July 7-8 Altar Vase(s) ~ Center Arrangement

July 14-15 Altar Vase(s) ~ Center Arrangement

July 21-22 Lessons & Prayers

July 28-29 Lessons & Prayers



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

LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

For your Home Bible Study

~ Join everyone as we read through the month of July. ~

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
June 25 ~ July 1	Lamentations 3:22-33	Psalm 30	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
July 2 ~ 8	Ezekiel 2:1-5	Psalm 123	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 9 ~ 15	Amos 7:7-15	Psalm 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 16 ~ 22	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 23 ~ 29	2 Kings 4:42-44	Psalm 145:10-18	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21
July 30 ~ Aug 5	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Psalm 78:23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35

LOOKING AHEAD...

During the weekend services of **August 25th and 26th**, all children are invited to wear their school backpacks (with supplies) to church for our **Annual Blessing of the Backpacks**.

During the Young People's Message, each backpack will be blessed along with a prayer that each student and teacher will safely begin another successful school year. We encourage each family to pray for God's continued help and guidance. This special invitation is extended to all members of the congregation who are continuing or beginning their education!

From **Mark10:13-16**,

'... and they were bringing children to him...Jesus said, "*Let the children come to me... for such belongs the Kingdom of God*" ... and Jesus took them in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands upon their heads.'

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY

The Festival of the Holy Cross will be celebrated on **Sunday, Sept 16th** at the 9am service. History tells us that Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, made a pilgrimage to Israel to look for Christian holy sites. She found what she believed were the sites of the Crucifixion and burial of Jesus, sites that modern archaeologists believe to be correct. Here, Constantine built two churches. The celebration of the Holy Cross originated with the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection in 335AD. Many centuries later, this festival still provides the church with an opportunity to '*Lift High the Cross*' with a spirit of celebration for all future generations. Join your church family and wear RED on Sunday, September 16th at our 9am service.

HARVEST HOME 2018

Our **Annual Harvest Home Celebration** will be held during the weekend services of **September 22-23**. The sanctuary will be decorated for fall and the altar will offer our bountiful harvest. During the Harvest Home portion of the service, please remember to participate in the '*Fill-Our-Baskets*' campaign for *Tree of Friends* and *NESAP*. Your donations of non-expired canned and boxed items can fill our baskets to the brim! Monetary donations are always accepted. Let's make this another wonderful harvest opportunity to thank God for our many blessings in order to help those less fortunate in our immediate community.

MUSIC MINISTRY @ IMMANUEL

Consider becoming a part of the Music Ministry of Immanuel!

We currently support five various groups:

The Sunday Adult Choir

The Chime Choir

The Luther Men

The Children's Choir

Women's Harmony Choir

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

Jerry Hoffman (*Organist/Adult Choir Director*) Audrey Moose (*Chime Director*)

Wayne Thomas (*Luther Men*) Amanda Yingling (*Children's Choir Coordinator*)

Susan Burnette (*Women's Harmony Choir*)

No experience is needed, just a willingness to 'make a joyful noise'!

Practice Schedules:

Sunday Adult Choir weekly practice (resume in Sept) Thursdays 7-8pm

Chime Choir practice (resume in Sept) on Thursdays 6pm

Luther Men sing quarterly – **next practice Sunday, Sept 30** after worship

*** **singing next on Sunday, Oct 7** (Hymn Sing Sunday)

Children's Choir sing quarterly

*** **singing next on Aug 26** (Blessing of Backpacks Sunday)

Women's Harmony Choir sing quarterly

More information on **Music Ministry** bulletin board in the office hallway.



Birthday and Wedding Anniversary wishes are listed in the bulletins and newsletters. If you want to be included, please contact Susan Burnette.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Blake Campbell
Matthew Swain
Dale Warehime
Evan Wenzel
Jennifer Edwards
Jake Robinson
Bill Skelley
John Crouch, Jr.
Richard Leonard
Winston Harden

Casey Haddaway
Gary LaMotte
Barbara Yingling
Nick Trent
Wanda Robinson
Dorothy Black
Rona Haddaway
Darcey Robinson
Lauren Taylor
Jayden Bosnick

Tom Holbrook
Nicole Campbell
Sharon Bohli
Raygon Campbell
Anna Welsh
Laurie Miller
Jerry Hoffman
Dylan Andrews
Danica Reiley

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Charles and Rose Frase
Bob and Carol Nicoll
Gene and Barb Yingling
Kevin and Ketti McCarty

July 12, 1980
July 14, 1956
July 19, 1969
July 31, 2004

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS and SUMMER VACATIONS

Summer vacations are in full swing and many members of the congregation, at both weekend services, are regular worship assistants. For everyone's convenience, the current monthly worship schedule is published in each monthly *Visitor*, along with a sneak preview for the next month. During **JULY** and **AUGUST**, please read the proposed schedules over and if you are listed when you will be away, contact Susan Burnette at sb31220@gmail.com OR call 410-357-9466 as soon as possible so adequate adjustments may be made in your absence. Please refer to the following **JULY** and **AUGUST Worship Assistants' Schedules**:

July 2018 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday July 7	Saturday July 14	Saturday July 21	Saturday July 28
Head Usher	Judy Bixler	Judy Bixler	TBD	Judy Bixler
Greeter	Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Nancy Hoffman
Lector	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Luther Myers
Offering Ushers	Rodgers Hagert Ellen Linsenbardt	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Linda Black Ellen Linsenbardt
Communion	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Judy Bixler

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday July 1 <small>Red, White & Blue</small>	Sunday July 8	Sunday July 15	Sunday July 22	Sunday July 29
Head Usher	Jamie Rooney	Jamie Rooney	Jamie Rooney	Susan Burnette	Jamie Rooney
Altar Guild	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight
Greeters	Betty Miller Bart Walder	Linda Gregg John Popp	Carolyn Kittelberger Kathleen Regester	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Bob Nicoll	Connie Dattilio	Matthew Rooney	Todd Robinson	Russell Jensen
Offering Ushers	Andy Kiler Terri Rill Tim Rill Audrey Shaffer	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Barbara Guthrie Wendy Maloney Barb Skelley Bill Skelley	Jennifer Edwards Jeremy Edwards Rhonda Kiler Ernest Weiss
Communion Stewards	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Sandy Voight	Susan Burnette John Gregg Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips	Susan Burnette Rhonda Kiler Audrey Shaffer Bart Walder	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Barb Yingling	Susan Burnette Jo Fleck Joe Fleck Amanda Yingling
Acolytes	Jordan Bosnick Willis Kiler	Dylan Andrews Austin Gregg	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt	Jayden Bosnick Kyle Robinson	Ryan Edwards Joey Pomaes
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll	Connie Dattilio	Bob Nicoll	Connie Dattilio	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Bart Walder	Ernest Weiss	Joe Fleck	Frank Burnette	Chris Miller

August 2018 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday August 4	Saturday August 11	Saturday August 18	Saturday August 25 Blessing of Backpacks
Head Usher	Amanda Yingling	Amanda Yingling	Amanda Yingling	TBD
Greeter	Jeanne Swain	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Rodgers Hagert
Lector	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain	Luther Myers
Offering Ushers	Ellen Linsenbardt Jeanne Swain	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Linda Black Rodgers Hagert
Communion	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday August 5	Sunday August 12	Sunday August 19	Sunday August 26 Blessing of Backpacks
Head Usher	Debbie Hebrank	Debbie Hebrank	Debbie Hebrank	Debbie Hebrank
Altar Guild	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette
Greeters	Betty Miller Kathleen Regester	Linda Gregg Carolyn Kittelberger	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Barbara Guthrie	Matthew Rooney	Todd Robinson	Joey Pomales
Offering Ushers	Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips Jennifer Edwards Jeremy Edwards	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	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Jo Fleck Joe Fleck	Susan Burnette John Gregg Rhonda Kiler Barb Yingling	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Andy Kiler Barb Yingling	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Wendy Maloney Tim Rill
Acolytes	Jordan Bosnick Ryan Edwards	Dylan Andrews Austin Gregg	Willis Kiler Kyle Robinson	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Connie Dattilio	Bob Nicoll	Connie Dattilio	Bob Nicoll
Bell Ringer	Frank Burnette	Joe Fleck	Ernest Weiss	Bart Walder

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



Immanuel Lutheran Church VBS

July 8th- 12th

Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Circle Preferred T-Shirt Size: YS YM YL YXL

AS AM AL AXL

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: _____

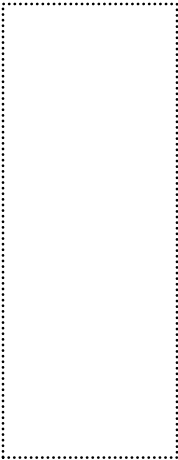
Relationship to child: _____

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