

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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Wow! What a week we had! Our “*Deep Sea Discovery*” Vacation Bible School was a great success with 46 enthusiastic children supported by a volunteer staff of 36 youth and adults, plus an adult VBS class of 6. But numbers alone fail to capture the spirit of love and joy that flowed through our church for those five evenings. A big thank you to all who worked so hard to bring it all together!

At the end of VBS week, on July 16, the final worship service for Lazarus Lutheran Church was held in our sanctuary with over 100 in attendance. We celebrated 163



years of faithful service and witness to the community of Lineboro and prayed for God’s blessing and guidance for the members of Lazarus Church as they move on to serve God in other ways and other places. The congregation’s final act of ministry was to bestow generous gifts upon other ministries, including the gift of a carillon system for Carroll Lutheran Village, an 80 niche columbarium for Lazarus Union Cemetery and a scholarship fund for Gettysburg Seminary, all in memory of Lazarus Lutheran Church; and donations to Lazarus Cemetery, Inc., Carroll Lutheran School, NESAP, the Delaware-Maryland Synod, and Immanuel. We are honored to receive into the care of our congregation those who were members of Lazarus at the time of their closing. We welcome them warmly and will give each of them the time and space they need to grieve their loss and discern where God is leading them to best use their gifts to serve the Lord, whether here at Immanuel or elsewhere.

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During August we will have two special Sundays. On August 6 - 7 we will receive a group of new members, some at the Saturday service and the others on Sunday, with a coffee hour reception held following the Sunday service. Please make a special effort to join us that weekend to give them a warm welcome. Look for a full list of new members received in our September newsletter. On August 20 - 21 will be the annual Blessing of the Backpacks for all our students as they return to school. That same weekend the worship services will focus on the healing power of Jesus, and will include laying on of hands and anointing for all who wish to receive. The services will be adapted to allow for the extra time needed for the healing prayer. Watch for additional healing services from time to time through the year. The next is planned for October 15 - 16 to observe the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, traditionally associated with the healing ministry of the church.

September will soon be here, and with it



- * the return of Sunday School
- * and Adult Choir,
- * the addition of a Children's Choir
- * and a "Baby Sunday School"

for children birth to age 3 and their parents,
(you have been reading about the Children's Choir and
Baby Sunday School in the bulletin and newsletter.)

I will also be scheduling

- * Confirmation Class,
- * a weeknight Bible Study and
- * a group that will meet weekly for prayer.

You will hear more about these and other new ministries in the September newsletter. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these, or if there is anything else you would like to see at Immanuel in the coming months.

The Holy Spirit is on the move at Immanuel Lutheran Church, and I am richly blessed to be a part of it!

Yours in the Love, Joy and Peace of Christ,

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.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING

Pastor will offer individual prayer at the communion rail, with anointing and laying of hands for healing for those who desire it, 20 minutes before each Sunday service.

JOURNEY TO THE CENTER BIBLE STUDY

Please join Pastor Charlie for a summer Bible study in the Martin Luther Room following the worship service, as we take a *Journey to the Center of Our Faith* based on the Bible readings for each Sunday. What are the core beliefs and principles that define who we are and what we stand for as Lutheran Christians? No previous knowledge of the Bible or of Lutheran doctrine and theology are needed. Whether you are new to the church or to the Christian faith or a lifelong member of Immanuel, this Bible study is for you!

HELP WANTED

Israels Creek Parish, located in Woodsboro, Maryland (outside of Frederick), seeks an Organist/Choir Director. This position includes music ministry with both adult and child members. Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume to: Roger Myers, Israels Creek Parish Council President, israelscreek@comcast.net. Deadline for applications is August 9th.

BLOOD DRIVE

Trinity UCC Blood Drive Wednesday, Aug 10 from 2-7pm. To schedule your lifesaving donation, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: trinityunitedchurchofchrist. Or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

KITCHEN FUND

*Remember:

A *Kitchen Improvement Fund* has been set up to support the memorial money designated towards improving the kitchen. There are envelopes in the back of the church for the fund or you may designate a donation on your offering envelope.

FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

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

Linda Gregg; Matthew Rooney; Jamie Rooney

Fellowship and Social Ministry helped Rachel do a project for *Tree of Friends Foundation* with a group of Exchange Students from Spain. After a visit to the Manchester Fire Department, this group continued the 'community service message' by volunteering at Immanuel Church to fill 40 bags with a variety of food. These bags were then delivered by *ToFF* to help families in need during the summer months.



Immanuel will have a table at the *National Night Out* on August 2nd. Held at the Manchester Carnival Grounds from 6 to 8pm, this **FREE** neighborhood/family event is to increase awareness of crime, drugs and violence and to also encourage community participation. Volunteer Firefighters and your local Police will be available to discuss fire safety and the ways you can keep your neighborhood safe. Please come out to the community event and be sure to stop by our table and support your Church! **Fun-filled evening for KIDS!!!**

We will have a Coffee Hour on August 7th for New Members joining Immanuel. We hope you will take time to welcome them to our Church Family. If you would like to donate a baked item, please sign up on the appropriate sheet in the rear of the Sanctuary.

The annual church picnic is scheduled for September 11, 2016 at Christmas Tree Park. *Please mark that date on your calendars!*

2016 COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Vice President: Frank Burnette, Irfburnette@gmail.com

Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

Church Council did not meet in July.

MISSIONS

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



Sunday, August 7th is Mission Sunday. The mission for August is Mar-Lu Ridge. The Executive Director, Ms. Sarah Lefler, will be joining us on Sunday morning to make a presentation.

Mar-Lu Ridge Camp & Retreat Center is a place of community and sanctuary. Hundreds of campers enjoy age-old traditions such as campfire skits and songs, small group bonding, Shock Rock hikes, sleep outs (in the barn) and much more. All the while campers experience acceptance and unconditional love given by the amazing staff at Mar-Lu Ridge. Daily Bible lessons teach campers about the importance of being called to community, prayer, service, forgiveness and love.

Please give generously to this Christian organization that provides, beyond what is briefly stated above, Hope for many of their campers. It is the only "summer" they will know.

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

What an amazing time we had on our Deep Sea Discovery VBS!! With 46 youth and 6 adult learners, and 36 volunteer helpers, this year's VBS was truly a blessing! We learned how God is with us wherever we go, and that God knows us, God hears us, God strengthens us, God loves us, and God sends us! We went deep down to discover several Bible stories, learned wonderful songs of praise and worship, got creative with crafts and games to reinforce each theme, and enjoyed a week of full bellies from all the wonderful food prepared each night.

A special thank you to Pastor Charlie for his leadership and guidance, as well as to all our fantastic VBS volunteers:

Ed Andrews	Donna Jones	Jen Robinson
Laura Andrews	Andy Kiler	Todd Robinson
Judy Bixler	Laura Kiler	Audrey Shaffer
Chris Crouch	Rhonda Kiler	Jeanne Swain
Angie Eckhardt	Carolyn Kittleberger	Cooper Unkle
Ashton Eckhardt	Maripat Luntz	Natalia Vives
Jen Edwards	Ketti McCarty	Sandy Voight
Jeremy Edwards	Brianna Murphy	Doris Weeks
Terry Edwards	Rachel Murphy	Brenda Wulforst
Corey Haifley	Kayla Pittinger	Pete Wulforst
Debbie Hebrank	Madison Pittinger	Amanda Yingling
Pat Hentz	Jessica Puller	Kim Zepp

It truly was a team effort, and our core area leaders (stories, crafts, food, music and games) worked very hard to prepare their areas from start to finish, including supplies and decorations! Each student left with new friends and connections, some fun crafts they made, a t-shirt, lanyard, music CD, bracelets, bookmarks and most importantly, a deeper understanding and appreciation for God's steadfast love and care. We were excited to have 21 of the 46 students visit us from outside Immanuel's congregation, and hope to see everyone back in September for Sunday School!



Deep Sea Discovery

GOD IS WITH ME WHEREVER I GO!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school is being organized and planned right now, and once again, we need your help to make it successful! We are seeking teachers for Kindergarten through 5th grade, or those willing to plan and prepare crafts or games behind the scenes and have ready for the upcoming week. Final planning details on how each classroom will be set up are in the works now, but please prayerfully consider how you can fulfill the baptismal promise we each made to the youth of our congregation to assist with their Christian education. Please contact Pastor Charlie or Jen Edwards for more information or to sign up!

FROLIC NEWSLETTER

As we witness and participate in the sacrament of Baptism, we as a congregation promise to support our newest brother or sister in Christ. Pastor Charlie has helped us to reinforce that promise by enrolling our congregation in an E-Newsletter program targeting infants and toddlers up to their third birthday.

The monthly Frolic E-Newsletter is sent by Sparkhouse, a publisher of faith formation resources for children, youth, and families. The email arrives on the first of the month and features four articles about child development and faith formation. The goal of each monthly issue is to support parents in helping their young children take their first steps of faith. Content is based on the age of your child and the month of the year.

For your family to receive, we need this information from you:

- *your child's name,
- *date of birth, and
- *email addresses for up to four caregivers who would like to receive this monthly E-Newsletter.



That means that in addition to your child's primary caregivers, you could have it sent to Grandparents, Godparents, or others who are supporting your child's faith formation. Sparkhouse will not use your email address in ANY way other than sending you the monthly E-Newsletter. Also, you can opt out of receiving the email at any time.

We know that families of young children lead busy lives. We look forward to the opportunity to stay connected with you during these early years. We think the Frolic E-Newsletter will be a great tool for doing that!



If you are interested in enrolling, contact Christine Crouch at 410-746-0260 or crouchchristine@msn.com.

AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Missions - Special Offering 9am Worship / Comm 10:15 Coffee Hour - New Members 10:30 Adult Bible Study 12pm Social Hall Reserved	Pastor's Birthday 8pm Al-Anon 8pm AA	6-8pm "Night Out" at Manchester Carnival Grounds 	7:15pm AA	Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm Al-Anon	Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm Al-Anon	Missions - Special Offering 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
7 Missions - Special Offering 9am Worship / Comm 10:15 Coffee Hour - New Members 10:30 Adult Bible Study 12pm Social Hall Reserved	7pm Finance Mtg 8pm Al-Anon 8pm AA	7pm Church Council	7:15pm AA	Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm Al-Anon	Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm Al-Anon	13 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
14 9am Worship / Comm 10:30am Adult Bible Study	9am Work Day 8pm Al-Anon 8pm AA	16	7pm Stephen Ministry 7:15pm AA	Pastor Day Off Social Hall Reserved 8pm AA 8pm Al-Anon	Pastor Day Off Social Hall Reserved 8pm AA 8pm Al-Anon	20 Blessing of Backpacks 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
21 Blessing of Backpacks 9am Worship / Comm 10:30am Adult Bible Study	8pm Al-Anon 8pm AA	23 Social Hall Reserved	7:15pm AA	Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm Al-Anon	Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm Al-Anon	27 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
28 9am Worship / Comm 10:30am Adult Bible Study 11:30am Mutual Ministry Mtg	8pm Al-Anon 8pm AA	30	7:15pm AA	Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm Al-Anon	Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm Al-Anon	26 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
		31	7:15pm AA			

MUTUAL MINISTRY

Chair: Bob Nicoll

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

Our monthly meeting was held on Sunday July 17th.

Reviewing our Log used to record problems and opportunities presented to the Committee, we can report 10 of the inputs are Completed or Addressed, 2 are Under Review or Pending, and 3 are New.

To better facilitate getting congregational inputs, we will be placing a locked "Opinion Box" in the rear of the church. Because of the confidential nature of the opinions/inputs, only Mutual Ministry Committee Members will have access. A write-on card will be provided to be used with this system, and they will be placed in the pew racks.

There is a major focus on Pastoral health and welfare as part of the Mutual Ministry mission. Referencing the Pastor's monthly report to the Committee (titled "A Balance for Effective Ministry"):

The Pastor has had a robust agenda of community engagements and congregant visitations over the past month. Two leadership training sessions for him are scheduled in August.

He has satisfied his need for a "Spiritual Coach" through the Aisling Retreat House (Franciscan Sisters) in Millers MD. His first meeting was on June 19th.

His family now has a primary care physician through Carroll Health Group.

An Exercise/Wellness program for the family is still on the agenda.

The Committee cautioned the Pastor about his workload. He logged a 60-hour workweek in early July... not a healthy balance. He is maintaining a log of service hours to help with time management.

Because of the very nature of a "Mutual Ministry", our achievements are almost always the result of a cooperative process in which a *concern or opportunity* is identified by our committee, the Pastor, a Congregant, or Council, and we then put in place a plan to address them.

To express any concerns, opportunities, or comments please contact Bob Nicoll at 410-871-0206 or email crobnic@msn.com.

THANKS

I want to thank Pastor Charlie and the congregation for their prayers and cards during my illness. ~Alice Warehime

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Carl McCullough and family would like to thank Immanuel for the many cards, prayers, and visits to Margaret during the weeks of her illness. We are grateful for Brenda Wulforst, Jerry Hoffman, and Rachel Murphy. We also deeply appreciate the ladies of the Church who helped with the funeral service and helped prepare the lovely gathering following the service. A very special thank you to Pastor Charlie for his heartwarming words and sincerity to make her funeral service personal.

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Donation received from Nancy Little and Pearl Moffitt
in memory of Aunt Margaret

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Donation received in memory of Margaret McCullough from Doris Dell

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Donation received in memory of Jack Shifflett from Audrey Shaffer

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

School Supplies

Backpacks are now available to be filled.



When you take a bag, please fill out the attached label and return to Rhonda or Debbie so we know who is filling the backpacks.

Inside each bag is the school supply list that each child needs for the upcoming year. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask us. Please be sure to have filled bags back to Church by August 17 so they can be delivered to the families on August 20.

NESAP is in need of canned Baked Beans. Labeled baskets are in the Narthex for your donations. NESAP is also still in need of brown paper bags, like those from Miller's.

Our next *Table Of Grace* is August 30th. If you would like to help please let Rhonda or Debbie know. If you cannot help us on this Tuesday, please consider donating a pie or cake/cupcakes (our clients love pies and also cakes with icing).

As always, we could not do all that we do with your support ...
we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!

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

AUGUST HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm
Debbie Hebrank

Sundays at 9am
Rhonda Kiler

AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

Aug 7, 21
Frank and Susan Burnette

Aug 14, 28
Barb and Gene Yingling

SAVE THESE DATES

August 20-21

Blessing of the Backpacks

September 11

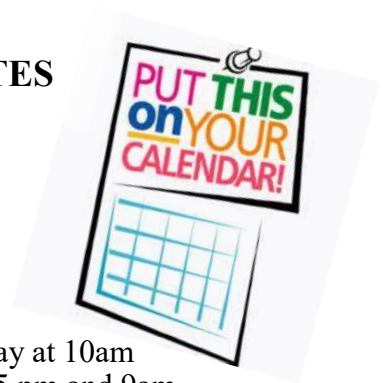
Holy Cross Sunday

September 24-25

Decorate for Harvest Home – Saturday at 10am
Harvest Home Weekend Services at 5 pm and 9am
'Fill-Our-Baskets' Canned Food Drive

October 8-9

Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing Weekend at 5pm and 9am
Sunday Special Music – The Luther Men



GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

For members of our congregation and any visitors, who are gluten intolerant, gluten-free wafers are available as your communion host, instead the regular pita bread. Please express your wishes to Pastor Charlie as you take communion. A worship assistant will present to you a ciborium chalice of gluten-free wafers for your communion. Wine and grape juice are also available.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS ~ OPEN DATES

Each weekend, fresh seasonal flowers enhance our worship experience with color and beauty. On the Flower Calendar, open dates are still available for sponsoring the Altar Vases, a Center Arrangement or the Lessons & Prayers during **AUGUST**. Consider splitting the cost of the vases with a family member or friend. ***SIGN UP TODAY!***

Lavender reservation forms and envelopes are provided on the Flower Chart in the office hallway. Provide the needed information, include your payment and leave in the Worship & Music basket on the lamp table in the church office. Your payment and sponsorship information must be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved date for correct sponsorship wording in the bulletin.



Prices Remain: **\$50** Altar Vases (both vases)
\$30 Center Arrangement
\$20 Lessons & Prayers

ADULT CHOIR RECRUITMENT

Please consider becoming a part of the Music Ministry of Immanuel by joining the Sunday Morning Adult Choir. Even if you may not be able to commit to weekly choir practices at this time, but could lend your voice during special festival services – such as Reformation Sunday, Oct 30th, Christmas Eve Services on Saturday, December 24th or Easter Sunday, April 16th, 2017, consider helping in that way!

Our Organist~Choir Director, Jerry Hoffman, can work out various ways of getting you the music and helping you learn any anthems. Reading music is not a requirement ~ no age limit ~ and NO auditions necessary. Simply as a group of singers – everyone makes a *'joyful noise to the Lord'*! Following a well-deserved summer vacation, the Adult Choir will **resume** their weekly practices beginning Thursday, September 8th from 7- 8 pm. Give us a try! For more information, contact Jerry directly after any Sunday service.

CHILDREN'S ~ YOUTH CHOIR

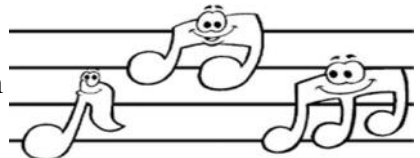
Hey kids!! Are you excited to have your own singing group?!?!

All young people K-8th grade are invited to join.

Bring your brothers! Bring your sisters! Bring your neighbors too!

Practices begin on **Sunday, September 11th at 8:15am in the Sunday School room**. Performances will be every few months during the 9am worship services. Practices will begin 3-4 weeks before each performance date. Mr. Pete, Ms. Sandy and Ms. Amanda are very excited to be your adult helpers! For additional information,

contact Amanda Yingling
mandymae1210@gmail.com
or 717-880-5215



JUNE 2016
SATURDAY ~ SUNDAY
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<u>June Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
4-5	20 + 92 = 112	Acolyte Appreciation
11-12	26 + 88 = 114	Baptism
18-19	19 + 90 = 109	Father's Day, Baptism
25-26	24 + 60 = 84	
Weekend Totals 419		
Weekend Average 105		

**JUNE ATTENDANCE
REVIEW**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Monthly Attendance</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>	
2009	667	167	4 Wknds
2010	602	151	4 Wknds
2011	619	155	4 Wknds
2012	566	142	4 Wknds
2013	750	150	5 Wknds
2014	937*	208	5 Wknds
2015	446	112	4 Wknds
2016	419	105	4 Wknds

*Ps. Matt's retirement month

AUGUST LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

Join everyone for a Home Bible Study as we continue to read each day.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
August 1 ~ 7	Genesis 15:1-6	Psalm 33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16	Luke 12:32-40
August 8 ~ 14	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Psalm 82	Hebrews 11:29 ~12:2	Luke 12:49-56
August 15 ~ 21	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Psalm 103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
August 22 ~ 28	Proverbs 25:6-7	Psalm 112	Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16	Luke 14:1,7-14
August 29 ~Sept 4	Deut. 30:15-20	Psalm 1	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33

BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries are listed in the bulletins and newsletters. If your family needs to be included, contact Susan Burnette.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Pastor Charlie	Steve Miller	Debbie Hebrank
Gene Yingling	Joanna Marshall	Larry Kreseski
Mary Ayers	Christine Crouch	Sarah Day
Andrew Eppley	Carolyn Phillips	Audrey Moose
Patty Geiman	Greg Patterson	Bruce Klinedinst
Jo Fleck	Ryan Edwards	Ginny Sellers
Jason Unkle	Bonnie Hull	Denise Rickell
Ann Trent	Stacey Hamlet	Dorothy Yingling
Steve Burris	Rodgers Hagert Jr	Steve Duckson
Carla Wenzel	Marlene Thompson	Steve Guthrie
Barb Davidson	Mary Popp	
Nancy Rohrback	Paul Sellers	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Carroll and Carolyn Phillips	August 18, 1972
Brad and Iva Martin	August 23, 1969
Bill and Barbara Skelley	August 23, 1986
Todd and Jennifer Robinson	August 23, 2003
Michael and Sherry Parker	August 24, 2013
Derek and Erin Sennett	August 24, 2012
Chris and Kellyn Sanderman	August 25, 2012
Tim and Carla Wenzel	August 26, 2006
Henry and Susan Adami	August 28, 1976

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

During the weekend services of **August 20th and 21st**, all young people are invited to wear their backpacks, filled with their school supplies, 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 will safely begin another successful school year. We encourage each family to pray for God's help and guidance for their children throughout their learning years. This invitation is extended to all members of the congregation who are continuing their education.

Blessing
of the
Backpacks



'...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.' (Mark 10:13-16)

LOOKING AHEAD ...

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY



The **Festival of the Holy Cross** will be celebrated on **Sun, September 11th** at the 9am service. This day originated in 335 AD, with the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection, built by Constantine. It is believed that this magnificent building was built on the site where Jesus was crucified and buried. Many centuries later, this festival provides the church an opportunity to *'Lift High the Cross'* with a spirit of celebration for all future generations.

Join our church family on Sunday, September 11th at 9 am.

HARVEST HOME 2016

Our *Annual Harvest Home Service* will be held the weekend of **September 24th and 25th**. The sanctuary will be decorated for fall while the altar will offer another bountiful harvest. Please remember to participate in the *'Fill Our Baskets'* for NESAP. Help fill our harvest baskets to the brim with your donations of canned and boxed food or monetary donations during the Harvest Home portion of the service. (Remember to check each canned or boxed items for expiration dates.) Every year, Immanuel donates over 120 items to the NESAP Food Pantry! Please help make this another bountiful harvest year for those less fortunate in our community. Thank you!



AN OLD-FASHIONED HYMN SING WEEKEND

On **October 8th and 9th**, our **Eighth Annual Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing** will be held. During the weekend services many familiar and loved hymns will be sung and enjoyed throughout the service. The Luther Men will once again provide a special gospel medley at the Sunday Morning service.

Mark your calendar for October 8-9 ~ invite your family and friends to attend as we enjoy singing those long-loved hymns of yesteryear!

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Immanuel's Altar Guild is recruiting new faces for next year. Members are always needed to coordinate the *'behind-the-scenes'* setup and cleanup of communion at our Sunday 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 the guild. See any member of Immanuel's current Altar Guild with questions.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS and SUMMER VACATIONS

Summer vacations continue and many members of the congregation regularly serve as worship assistants during weekly 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. During the month of **August**, if you serve as a worship assistant, but will be away on vacation, PLEASE contact Susan Burnette (sb31220@gmail.com or 410-357-9466) as soon as possible so adequate adjustments can be made in your absence. Thank you!

Please refer to the **August and September Worship Assistants' Schedules**.

August 2016 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday August 6	Saturday August 13	Saturday August 20 Blessing of Backpacks	Saturday August 27
Head Usher	Debbie Hebrank	Debbie Hebrank	Debbie Hebrank	Debbie Hebrank
Greeter	Janis Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Linda Black
Lector	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Fred Ayers	Luther Myers
Offering Ushers	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Linda Black Howard Miller
Communion	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Fred Ayers	Jeanne Swain

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday August 7	Sunday August 14	Sunday August 21 Blessing of Backpacks	Sunday August 28
Head Usher	Rhonda Kiler	Rhonda Kiler	Rhonda Kiler	Rhonda Kiler
Altar Guild	Frank Bumette Susan Bumette	Barb Yingling Gene Yingling	Frank Bumette Susan Bumette	Barb Yingling Gene Yingling
Greeters	Betty Miller Jane Taylor	John Gregg Linda Gregg	Tony Mancuso Pam Newton	Dawn Burris Steve Burris
Lector	Todd Robinson	Bob Nicoll	Maripat Luntz	Barbara Guthrie
Offering Ushers	Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt Audrey Shaffer Ernest Weiss	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Jennifer Edwards Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray	Todd Robinson Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Brenda Wulforst
Communion	Frank Bumette Susan Bumette Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips	Susan Bumette Jo Fleck Joe Fleck Wendy Maloney	Frank Bumette Susan Bumette Norman Downes Sandy Voight	Susan Bumette John Popp Denise Rickell Barb Yingling
Acolytes	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Jared Patterson Justin Patterson	Reese Harden Winston Harden	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Denise Rickell	Connie Dattilio	Bob Nicoll	Denise Rickell
Bell Ringer	Bart Walder	Brian Kremen	Ernest Weiss	Gene Yingling

September 2016 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday September 3	Saturday September 10	Saturday September 17	Saturday September 24 <small>Harvest Home</small>
Head Usher	Jen Edwards	Jen Edwards	Jen Edwards	Jen Edwards
Greeter	Janis Hager	Charlotte Hann	Jeanne Swain	Linda Black
Lector	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Fred Ayers	Luther Myers
Offering Ushers	Janis Hager Rodgers Hager	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Judy Bixler Jeanne Swain	Linda Black Howard Miller
Communion	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Fred Ayers	Jen Edwards

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday September 4	Sunday September 11 <small>Holy Cross Sunday</small>	Sunday September 18	Sunday September 25
Head Usher	Jamie Rooney	Jamie Rooney	Jamie Rooney	Jamie Rooney
Altar Guild	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer
Greeters	Dawn Burris Steve Burris	Betty Miller Pam Newton	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Christine Crouch	Tony Mancuso	Andy Kiler	Brooks Hoffman
Offering Ushers	Barbara Guthrie Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt Wendy Maloney	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Tony Mancuso Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Ernest Weiss
Communion	Frank Bumette Susan Burnette Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips	Susan Bumette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Sandy Voight	Susan Burnette Maripat Luntz Denise Rickell Audrey Shaffer	Susan Burnette Jo Fleck Joe Fleck Bart Walder
Acolytes	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Jared Patterson Justin Patterson	Reese Harden Winston Harden	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Crucifer	-----	Pete Wulforst	-----	-----
Pray w/ Pastor	Christine Crouch	Bob Nicoll	Denise Rickell	Connie Dattilio
Bell Ringer	Frank Bumette	Bart Walder	Ernest Weiss	Brian Kremen

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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



HOW CAN I HELP?

Please check the worship service of your choice and area(s) you would like to volunteer. Contact Susan Burnette at 410-357-9466 or email sb31220@gmail.com with questions. Completed forms may be placed in the Worship & Music basket on the lamp table in the church office. Worship Assistant Schedules are posted in each monthly newsletter. Weekly emails or phone calls are sent to remind those of their weekend responsibilities.

Thank you for your important participation in our worship service!

_____ Saturday service at 5pm

_____ Sunday service at 9am

I (We) wish to help:

(check those items you wish to volunteer as)

ALTAR GUILD _____

OFFERING USHER _____

HARVEST HOME _____
(3rd Saturday of Sept)

GREETER _____

COMMUNION _____

HANGING of the GREENS _____
(3rd Saturday of December & January)
(set-up) (take down)

HEAD USHER _____
(Sat VS Sun)

LECTOR _____

ACOLYTE _____

BELL RINGER _____

PRAY w/ PASTOR _____

CRUCIFER _____

Schedule me (us):

_____ as needed / month

_____ 1-2 times / month

_____ only once / month

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Vacations or Times *Not Available*: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell: _____

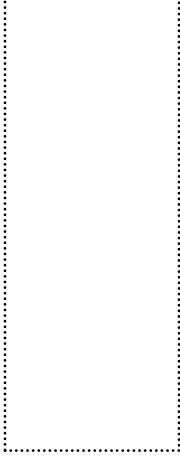
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