



# 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.

## From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
 As I write this, I am coming down from the mountaintop that was Vacation Bible School. What a tremendous five evenings we had, celebrating the good news that God made you, God is for you, God is always with you, God will always love you, and God made you for a reason. We reached 54 children in our church and community, along with 31 youth and adult staff. Some of the VBS songs are still running through my head, and I hope that our children may be able to share some more of them at worship during the month of August, as they did on July 16. There were many excellent singers among our VBS children that we are now working on including in our growing children's choir this fall. There was so much energy at Immanuel throughout VBS among the children and the staff. If only we could store that energy, or at least find ways to sustain it during the other 51 weeks of the year!

But that's not how the Holy Spirit operates. We cannot tell the Holy Wind of God when and where to blow. We cannot stockpile the Holy Energy of God and use it whenever and however we choose. Like the three disciples on the mountaintop with their transfigured Lord, we cannot stay on the mountain forever. We must come down from the mountaintop to face the daily challenges of serving the Lord in the ordinary times and places where we live and work and play and worship.

There's a reason why the Holy Spirit operates this way. God wants to maintain an ongoing, living connection with us every moment of every day, so that we receive the Holy Spirit's energy when and as the Spirit decides we need it. This reminds us constantly that we are not the ones calling the shots; God is. And that's how God wants it.

Our responsibility is to maintain that connection with God through daily prayer, reading and meditating on Scripture, and weekly worship including Holy Communion; listening and watching always for the often gentle promptings and nudges



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of the Spirit showing us the way forward. At the same time let us do all we can to stay connected with our VBS families, especially those not already connected to a congregation.

Have a blessed summer, and whatever your plans, remember to stay connected with God, our ultimate energy source!

~Pastor Charlie

## PASTOR CHARLIE'S BIBLE CHALLENGE FOR AUGUST: IN PARABLES

Jesus was a great storyteller, and often used stories (parables) to make a point. In August, we will read some (but not all!) of the parables of Jesus. Some of the readings will be quite short, because we will read and meditate on one parable each day. The online Bible Study will continue with daily comments from Pastor Charlie on Facebook. Email him at [pastorc@ielcmd.org](mailto: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.

Aug 1	Matthew 13:1-9	Aug 12	Matthew 21:28-32	Aug 23	Luke 12:13-21
Aug 2	Matthew 13:24-30	Aug 13	Matthew 21:33-46	Aug 24	Luke 12:35-40
Aug 3	Matthew 13:31-32	Aug 14	Matthew 22:1-14	Aug 25	Luke 14:7-11
Aug 4	Matthew 13:33	Aug 15	Matthew 25:1-13	Aug 26	Luke 15:1-7
Aug 5	Matthew 13:44	Aug 16	Matthew 25:14-30	Aug 27	Luke 15:8-10
Aug 6	Matthew 13:45-46	Aug 17	Matthew 25:31-46	Aug 28	Luke 15:11-32
Aug 7	Matthew 13:47-50	Aug 18	Mark 2:21-22	Aug 29	Luke 16:1-9
Aug 8	Matthew 13:51-53	Aug 19	Mark 3:22-27	Aug 30	Luke 16:19-31
Aug 9	Matthew 18:21-35	Aug 20	Mark 4:26-29	Aug 31	Luke 18:9-14
Aug 10	Matthew 19:23-26	Aug 21	Luke 10:25-37		
Aug 11	Matthew 20:1-16	Aug 22	Luke 11:5-8		

## BIBLE STUDY and PRAYER GROUPS

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study** will continue through the month of August following the 9:00 service in the Martin Luther Room. Pastor Charlie will be mixing things up a bit. Each week, we will take a look at one or more of the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. This will help him to jump start his sermon preparation.

**Midweek Prayer and Bible Study Groups** will resume in September. For details, watch the weekly bulletin and the September Visitor. In the meantime, if there is a particular topic or a book of the Bible you are interested in exploring this fall, please let the Pastor know by phone (410-374-4463), by email ([pastorc@ielcmd.org](mailto:pastorc@ielcmd.org)) or in person whenever you may see him.

# OFFICE NOTES

Rachel Murphy, 410-374-4463 (Office), 410-775-5793 (Fax), rmurphy@ielcmd.org

## 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.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior.

## 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.

## PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS



If you fill your prescriptions at Carroll Drugs in Manchester, they donate a dollar to the charity of your choice.

*Select Immanuel Church!*

## 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.

## NALOXONE TRAINING

A Naloxone training will be held on Wednesday, August 30 from 6-8pm at the North Carroll Library in Hampstead. **This training is free** and open to the public, but **registration is required** - please call Linda Auerback at (410) 876-4803. More information on flyer posted on bulletin board. Please forward invitation to anyone who can spread the word about saving lives with Naloxone!



## **Kids Feeding Kids**

### ***Summer Lunch Program for Children*** **Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church**

3184 Church Street, Manchester  
in the Social Hall

**Monday – Friday**  
**12pm – 2pm**  
(thru Sept 1)

Youth volunteers earn service learning hours  
by preparing and serving lunch to children in need.

#### **How You Can Help:**

Volunteer as an adult advisor  
Pray for the children and youth in our program  
Donate food and other supplies

For information contact the Program Coordinator, Sharon Bonner  
at 443-847-8185 or [shoddfishn@aol.com](mailto:shoddfishn@aol.com).

Thank you to all who donated food, supplies and time  
to keep kids fed this summer!!

Kids Feeding Kids is going strong! Our dedicated group of youth volunteers is doing a great job feeding hungry children (and some of their family members) at Immanuel this summer under the leadership of Sharon Bonner. The outpouring of support from the congregation and the community has been fantastic! Many thanks also to Thrivent Financial for providing an Action Grant.

KFK is well supplied with peanut butter, thanks to Miller's Market, but donations of other food items and supplies are welcome.

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

Leaders: Bob Nicoll, Connie Dattilio

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

Our Ministry addresses a variety of individuals with special support needs. One of our Stephen Ministers reports:

As a Stephen Minister who has been assigned to a number of our congregational care receivers in an “End of Life” situation, there are aspects of these relationships that are unique:

Frequently, the care receiver is not aware that their illness is terminal. Once confronted with this realization, they have to work through stages of the “Death and Dying” Model (denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance).

It can be challenging for the Stephen Minister to keep from becoming too involved emotionally during this difficult period. Setting and maintaining “boundaries” in the ministry relationship is particularly important, and you learn how to approach your care receiver to reach an agreement on their needs.

The “End of Life” care receiver is often being supported by family.... A spouse and/or children. Their participation in the final days of their loved one requires special consideration on your part.

Confidentiality is always important, but particularly so with the number of family and support organizations involved.

With the eventual passing of the care receiver there are lingering thoughts;  
A sense of loss in my life as well  
“Could I have done more?”  
How can we help now with the family survivors?

“End of Life” assignments are one of the most difficult challenges for the Stephen Ministers in our cadre at Immanuel.

# FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

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

Linda Gregg; Matthew Rooney; Jamie Rooney

## MANCHESTER'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Immanuel will have a table at the National Night Out on August 1<sup>st</sup>. 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!

## COFFEE HOUR

The Coffee Hour on August 6 will honor Immanuel's 1<sup>st</sup> year Softball Team! Wear your favorite sports jersey and come show your support for our athletes!

## CHURCH PICNIC

Immanuel's Church Picnic and Sunday School Kickoff is scheduled at Christmas Tree Park, Pavilion #3 on September 10<sup>th</sup> following the 9am service. Hotdogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dessert or side dish and get to Christmas Tree Park! It is always a great time. Remember last years bingo, games and the father/son pie eating contest?! So come and enjoy.

## COMMUNITY YARD SALE

A yard sale will be held at Immanuel on September 16<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 2pm. A signup sheet is in the back of the church to reserve spaces— \$20 and \$15 if you bring your own table.

If you do not want to reserve a space, you can donate your items to Immanuel. You can bring your donations to church and leave them in the Narthex. We are looking for dishes, pots and pans, and most usable household goods. Also used furniture in good condition would be welcomed.



The Shred Mill Truck will also be at our Community Event from 12 to 2!

If you are interested in helping out, please contact any member of the Fellowship Committee. There is plenty to do! We are especially looking for someone to help organize and plan food sales during the yard sale.

**COMMUNITY**  
**YARD SALE**  
*& Crafts*

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**&**

**Trinity  
UCC**

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**Saturday, September 16**

8:00 am – 2:00 pm



**Rain or Shine**

Spaces must be reserved by September 1<sup>st</sup>

\$15 per space (bring your own table) ~ \$20 per space (we provide the table)

For more information, contact:

Rhonda at 443-340-2357 or [kiler@hughes.net](mailto:kiler@hughes.net)

## THANKS

Thank you all who contributed to the feminine product drive for Human Services Programs of Carroll County. The goods were very much appreciated. ~Social Ministry Committee

Thank you for the generous donations given for the West End Adult Day Care Center and the Family & Childrens Services of Westminster. All items were greatly appreciated and will be put to good use!  
~Stephen Ministers of Immanuel

## BAPTISM

9am Service – July 9, 2017

**Benjamin Gabriel Biondo**

Son of John and Michelle Biondo Jr (Esworthy)

Sponsored by: Rick Hoffheins and Stefanie Taylor

# MISSIONS

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

Special Offering collected on August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>  
for Tree of Friends Foundation

Tree of Friends (ToFF) mission is to address humanitarian needs which are not currently being met or are under-served within the Carroll County Community. By utilizing an established donor base and growing the network, the ToFF will operate as an educational liaison to bring awareness to the current community need (established yearly or in response to a local tragedy) through various activities including, but not limited to, hosting events, providing services, offering goods and recruiting members in a fun and active environment. The proceeds of these activities will serve to aid in the financial relief of the current need.

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# KEEPING IN TOUCH

Chair: Matthew Rooney, 570-947-4875

Administrative Team: Doris Dell, Jo Fleck, Jeanne Swain

On behalf of the KIT ministry, thank you to every volunteer who made a visit or reached out to a member of Immanuel during the month of June. The Administration team continues to receive positive feedback. The members of Immanuel truly enjoy and appreciate the KIT ministry visitations. During the month of June, 3 visitations were made, 1 telephone conversation took place, and 1 letter was mailed. The KIT volunteers bring conversation, church bulletins, and prayer to those they visit. The Administrative team works with Pastor Charlie and the Stephen Ministers to address any further needs which may be identified during these visitations. Our visitation list is always growing so if you know of someone who would like a visit by the KIT ministry please contact the Administrative team.

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. If you have questions about the KIT ministry please contact anyone on the administrative team.

We hope you consider joining our visitation team!

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

Deb Hebrank, 410-952-3320; Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028;

Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753, Amanda Yingling, 717-880-5215

Backpacks are available for sponsors to take and fill.



So we know who is filling the backpacks, please complete the label attached and return to Rhonda or Debbie. A list is in each bag with the supplies that each child needs for the upcoming year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us. Delivery to the families will be made in mid August.

NESAP / TOFF is in need of canned Baked Beans. Labeled baskets are in the Narthex. Please consider picking up a can of Baked Beans (the dollar store sells them), and donating. They are still in need of brown paper bags (Miller's Bags). Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Our next Table Of Grace is August 29<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help please let Rhonda or Debbie know. If you cannot help us, 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!!



We will gather as a Conference in celebration of the Reformation 500<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>.)

We will offer a Children's Sermon by Pastor Kristin Dubsy 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

# 2016 COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Vice President: John Gregg, 410-599-3091

Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

Immanuel's Church Council did not meet in July. July is always a vacation month. As a result, there is no New Business or Old Business to report. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 8 at 7pm.

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## FAITH HEALTH NETWORK

THANK YOU to all who have signed up so far for the Maryland Faith Health Network! This new partnership between Immanuel and LifeBridge Health will enable us to be better informed and provide more consistent care and support for our members during and following hospitalization at Carroll, Northwest or Sinai Hospital.

Registration forms are available in the back of the sanctuary and in the church office. If you have not already done so, please register soon. You will receive an ID card you can use when you are hospitalized, which will enable the hospital to be in touch with us to let us know you are there.

We are also looking for volunteers!

Please see Judy Bixler or Pastor Charlie, or contact the church office, if you are willing...

- \* to visit someone in the hospital or at home
- \* to give someone a ride to a medical appointment
- \* to prepare and/or deliver a casserole or other simple meal to a member's home
- \* to make a phone call or
- \* to write a note or send a card to let someone know you care
- \* to pray for someone during and after a time in the hospital



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

We had such an amazing time exploring our Maker Fun Factory VBS!! With 54 youth and 31 volunteer helpers, this year's VBS was truly a blessing! We learned how God made us, God is for us, God is always with us, God will always love us and God made us for a reason! Our evenings kicked off with a wonderful meal then followed with music, Bible stories, games and crafts. "Wow God"!



A special thank you to Pastor Charlie for his leadership and guidance, as well as to all our fantastic VBS volunteers. 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, music CD, and most importantly, a deeper understanding and appreciation for how we are "Built by God, Made For a Purpose". We were excited to have many of our students visit us from outside Immanuel's congregation, and hope to see everyone back in September for Sunday School!

We also were able to support Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County with a monetary offering collected throughout the week and we welcomed Mr. Phil York of Habitat to share with the youth and families more about Habitat's mission and needs. We also collected a ton of school supplies to be distributed throughout various organizations in northern Carroll County, so a big thank you to everyone who contributed!





We will now turn our focus to organizing and planning our Sunday school curriculum, staff, and activities. As with VBS, it takes the work of many to help teach and guide our youth as they are nurtured in their faith and love of Christ. 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!

# August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Missions Special Offering <b>9am Worship / Comm</b> 10:15am Coffee Hour 10:30am Adult Bible Study/ Social Hall Reserved	12-2pm Kids Feeding Kids 8pm Al-Anon 8pm AA	12-2pm Kids Feeding Kids 7pm Church Council Mtg	12-2pm Kids Feeding Kids 7:15pm AA	12-2pm Kids Feeding Kids Church Softball Tournament 10-12?	Pastor Day Off Office Closed 12-2pm Kids Feeding Kids 8pm AA	4:30 MM Feedback Session <b>5pm Worship / Comm</b> 6:30pm AA
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27	28	29	30	31		

# MUTUAL MINISTRY

Chair: Bob Nicoll

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

The main focus of our July Mutual Ministry meeting was on the wrap-up of the church survey and plans for the congregational feedback. Highlights are as follows:

Survey inputs were officially closed July 16<sup>th</sup>. There were 74 respondents. Of this group about 25 were submitted as hard copies and then transcribed, the balance taken on-line.

If we compare the number of respondents (74) with the average weekly worship attendance (~110) it represents a very good showing. We are hopeful that some of the participants who took the survey are our marginally participating membership who can help us to identify what the church can do better to serve them.

Feedback sessions are scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. We will meet with the 5pm Saturday worshipers at 4:30pm (before the service). On Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> a church brunch followed by a PowerPoint review of results is planned following the worship service in the Social Hall. We will identify key areas of concern or opportunities, and solicit congregational participation to address these.

A Thrivent “Action Team” grant has been approved to cover the costs of the brunch and any administrative costs. An anonymous donor provided the funds to pay the survey fees.

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Addressing the Pastor’s report on “A Balance for Effective Ministry”:

Months of preparation culminated in the wedding of his daughter Joanna on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, which not only involved the various ceremonial commitments but hosting family houseguests. All went very well!

The Pastor’s rescheduled trip to Arizona to visit relatives is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>.

## STEWARDSHIP

As disciples of Jesus, we are stewards of all the gifts God has given us. Two of the most precious gifts we steward are

1. our time and
2. our congregation.

As stewards of time we are to make the best and fullest use of every moment of life God gives to us each day. As stewards of this congregation, we are to carry on the work that generations before us have begun in this place, so that Immanuel Lutheran Church may continue to make Christ known to generations yet to come.

Summertime is a good time for many, including myself, to practice good stewardship by reading a good book or two. I have just learned about a new book that I recommend to anyone who is interested in the future of Immanuel Lutheran Church: *From Surviving to Thriving – A Practical Guide to Revitalize Your Church*. The author, Rev. Dr. John H. Krahn, is a Lutheran pastor who has helped to turn around many struggling congregations. He writes in his introduction: “The power of prayer and the Holy Spirit, when used with good practices, can turn any church around.” Here are the steps he has followed with great success in congregation after congregation. I offer them here to whet your appetite to learn more.

1. Stop making excuses and start doing something.
2. Get your church’s financial house in order.
3. Invigorate your church’s worship life.
4. Reclaim your inactive members.
5. Reach the unchurched in your community.
6. Remove the roadblocks that impede thriving.
7. Expect God’s Miracles.
8. All hands on deck – Everyone is needed!

I will be reading, reflecting on and praying my way through this book in the next few weeks. I invite you to join me. This will be a perfect way to be good stewards of our time and our congregation. Have a blessed August!

You can order this book on Amazon.com or direct from CSS Publishing at 1-800-537-1030.

~Pastor Charlie

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

Susan Burnette, 410-357-9466, sb31220@gmail.com

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

## SAVE THESE DATES

**August 19-20** Blessing of the Backpacks  
**September 17** **Holy Cross Sunday** ~ wear RED  
**September 23-24** 10am Saturday-Decorate for *Harvest Home*  
*Harvest Home* Weekend Services at 5pm and 9am  
 'Fill-Our-Baskets' canned/boxed Food Drive

### AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

Susan Burnette  
Rhonda Kiler

### AUGUST HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm  
Brenda Wulforst

Sundays at 9am  
Deb Hebrank

## AUGUST LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

Join everyone for a Home Bible Study  
as we continue to read each day through the month of August.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
July 31~Aug 6	Isaiah 55:1-5	Psalm 145:8-9,14-21	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
August 7~13	1 Kings 19:9-18	Psalm 85:8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
August 14~20	Isaiah 56:1,6-8	Psalm 67	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:[10-20],21-28
August 21~27	Isaiah 51:1-6	Psalm 138	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
August 28~Sept 3	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Psalm 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28

## GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

For members of our congregation and any visitors who are gluten intolerant, gluten-free wafers are available as your communion host, rather than regular pita bread or intinction wafers.

Just express your wishes to Pastor Charlie as you are approached for communion. A worship assistant will present to you a ciborium chalice of gluten-free wafers. Grape juice vs. wine are also available.

## ALTAR FLOWERS *and* LESSONS & PRAYERS

Each weekend, fresh seasonal flowers enhance our worship experience with color and beauty. The Flower Sponsorship Calendar is posted in the church office hallway. Available weekend dates are still open for your sponsorship of altar vases, center arrangements or the Lessons & Prayers during **AUGUST**.

We suggest that you share the cost of the vases with a family member or friend. Place your completed sponsorship form, with payment, into the Worship and Music basket on the lamp table of the church office by Wednesday 12 noon, of the weekend prior to your reserved date.



Prices:    \$**50** Both Altar Vases  
                   \$**25** One Vase Only  
                   \$**30** Center Arrangement  
                   \$**20** Lessons & Prayers

### **AUGUST OPEN DATES REMAIN:**

August 5-6     Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers  
 August 12-13   Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement  
 August 19-20   Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers  
 August 26-27   Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers

### **JUNE 2017 Saturday ~ Sunday Worship Attendance**

Dates	Attendance	Remarks
3,4	13 + 91 = 104	Pentecost Weekend
10,11	31 + 84 = 115	Holy Trinity Weekend
17,18	26 + 102 = 128	Fathers Day Weekend
24,25	46 + 74 = 120	Pentecost 3
<b>June Totals</b>	<b>467</b>	
<b>June Average</b>	<b>117</b>	

### **JUNE YEARLY ATTENDANCE REVIEW**

Year	June Attendance	June Average
2013	750	150 (5 wks)
2014	937	208 (4.5 wks)
2015	446	112 (4 wks)
2016	419	105 (4 wks)
2017	467	117 (4 wks)

## Looking Ahead ...

### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

During the weekend services of **August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**, all young people are invited to wear their school backpacks, filled with 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 and teacher will safely begin another successful school year. We encourage each family to pray for God's continued help and guidance. This invitation is extended to all members of the congregation who are continuing their education. (from Mark 10:13-16) '... 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 17<sup>th</sup>** at the 9am service. History tells us that Helena, the mother of 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 may be correct. Here Constantine built two churches. The celebration of Holy Cross originated with the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection in 335 A.D. 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 on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at our 9am service!

### HARVEST HOME 2017

Our **Annual Harvest Home** will be held during the weekend services of **September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**. The altar area will be decorated on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 10am. If you have any extra garden produce still available, please consider bringing your 'harvest' to church to show our thanks to God. During the **Harvest Home** portion of the service a litany will be read, then everyone is invited to help '*Fill Our Baskets for NESAP*' by bringing your canned and boxed food donations.

Let's fill our baskets to the brim! Each year, Immanuel donates over 100+ items to the NESAP Food Pantry. Monetary donations are always accepted. Help make this another bountiful harvest year for those less fortunate in our Carroll County community. Thank you!



**MUSIC MINISTRY @ IMMANUEL**  
**Please consider becoming a part of the**  
**Music Ministry of Immanuel!**

We support four various musical groups:

- ~The Sunday Adult Choir    ~The Chime Choir  
~The Luther Men                ~The Children's Choir- *'All God's Children'*

If you are not able to commit to regular practices at this time, but could participate at special services during the year, please talk with:

Jerry Hoffman (Organist)        Audrey Moose (Chime Director)  
Wayne Thomas (Luther Men)    Amanda Yingling (Children's Choir)

**NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED...**  
**just a willingness to 'make a joyful noise'!**

**~Sunday Adult Choir**

practice Thursday evenings 7-8pm (September thru May)

**~Chime Choir**

practice Thursday evenings at 6pm (auditorium) as needed quarterly

**~The Luther Men**

practice quarterly in the choir room after Sunday worship, as needed

**~The Children's Choir**

practice and sing quarterly

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

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Our next children's choir performance is on Sunday August 20, which corresponds to the "Blessing of the Backpacks".

Rehearsals are at 8:15am in Ms Jeannie's Sunday School Room:  
July 30, August 13 and August 20



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

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

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

### **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 Sandermann	August 25, 2012
Tim and Carla Wenzel	August 26, 2006
Henry and Susan Adami	August 28, 1976

### **ALTAR GUILD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES...**

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 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 your interest or questions.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS and SUMMER VACATIONS

Summer vacations are in full swing and many members of the congregation are regular worship assistants during our worship services. For everyone's convenience, the monthly worship schedules are published in *The Visitor* for the current month duties, along with a sneak preview for the next month.

During **August**, if you are scheduled to serve as a worship assistant, AND will be away on vacation, PLEASE contact Susan Burnette at sb31220@gmail.com or 410-357-9466 as soon as possible so adequate adjustments may be made in your absence. Please refer to the **AUGUST Worship Assistants' Schedules** below. Thank you!

### August 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	<b>Saturday August 5</b>	<b>Saturday August 12</b>	<b>Saturday August 19</b> <small>Blessing of Backpacks</small>	<b>Saturday August 26</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	Brenda Wulforst	Brenda Wulforst	Brenda Wulforst	Brenda Wulforst
<b>Greeter</b>	Jeanne Swain	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Linda Black
<b>Lector</b>	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Linda Black	Luther Myers
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Jeanne Swain Brenda Wulforst	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Judy Bixler Brenda Wulforst
<b>Communion</b>	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	<b>Sunday August 6</b>	<b>Sunday August 13</b>	<b>Sunday August 20</b> <small>Blessing of Backpacks</small>	<b>Sunday August 27</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	Deb Hebrank	Deb Hebrank	Deb Hebrank	Deb Hebrank
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susan Burnette Rhonda Kiler	Susan Burnette Rhonda Kiler	Susan Burnette Rhonda Kiler	Susan Burnette Rhonda Kiler
<b>Greeters</b>	Betty Miller Carolyn Kittelberger	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Chris Miller Debbie Miller	John Gregg Linda Gregg
<b>Lector</b>	Brooks Hoffman	Carol Nicoll	Jeremy Edwards	Connie Dattilio
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Norman Downes Barbara Guthrie Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Shaffer Steve Miller Brenda Murray Todd Robinson	Audrey Shaffer Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Ernest Weiss
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Wendy Maloney Todd Robinson	Susan Burnette Andy Kiler Jo Fleck Joe Fleck	Susan Burnette Rhonda Kiler Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips	Susan Burnette Norman Downes John Gregg Bart Walder
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jayden Bosnick Jordan Bosnick	Dylan Andrews Willis Kiler	Ryan Edwards Kyle Robinson	Tanner Eckhardt Austin Gregg
<b>Pray w/ Pastor</b>	Connie Dattilio	Bob Nicoll	Connie Dattilio	Bob Nicoll
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Joe Fleck	Ernest Weiss	Frank Burnette	Brian Kremen

# September 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday September 9	Saturday September 16	Saturday September 23 Harvest Home	Saturday September 30
<b>Head Usher</b>	Jen Edwards	Jen Edwards	Jen Edwards	Jen Edwards
<b>Greeter</b>	Jeanne Swain	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Linda Black
<b>Lector</b>	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Luther Myers	Judy Bixler
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Linda Black Jen Edwards	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Judy Bixler Linda Black
<b>Communion</b>	Judy Bixler	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain	Jen Edwards

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday September 3	Sunday September 10	Sunday September 17 Holy Cross Sunday	Sunday September 24 Harvest Home
<b>Head Usher</b>	Jamie Rooney	Jamie Rooney	Jamie Rooney	Jamie Rooney
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer
<b>Greeters</b>	Betty Miller Carolyn Kittelberger	Linda Gregg John Popp	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Guthrie	Russell Jensen	Jeremy Edwards	Connie Dattilio
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Matthew Rooney Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt Audrey Shaffer	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Andy Kiler Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Ernest Weiss
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Christine Crouch Rhonda Kiler	Susan Burnette Norman Downes John Gregg Debbie Hebrank	Susan Burnette Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips Todd Robinson	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Jo Fleck Audrey Shaffer
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jayden Bosnick Jordan Bosnick	Dylan Andrews Austin Gregg	Ryan Edwards Kyle Robinson	Tanner Eckhardt Willis Kiler
<b>Crucifer</b>	-----	-----	Ashton Eckhardt	-----
<b>Pray w/ Pastor</b>	Christine Crouch	Bob Nicoll	Connie Dattilio	Christine Crouch
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Frank Burnette	Bart Walder	Ernest Weiss	Joe Fleck

**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](mailto:sb31220@gmail.com) or 410-357-9466. Thank you.

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