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From The Pastor's Desk....

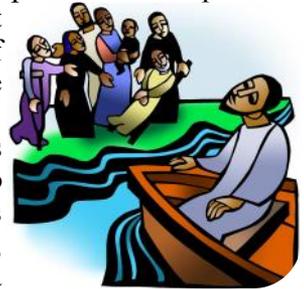
MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission, as disciples of Jesus, is to commit ourselves to making Christ known through worship, service, outreach, learning and loving one another.

“Jesus said to his apostles, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.” (Mark 6:31)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

All through Mark’s Gospel we hear of the huge crowds that followed Jesus and his disciples wherever they went. Even when Jesus and his buddies hopped in a boat and crossed the Sea of Galilee to find a few hours of peace and quiet, the crowds found out and were there to meet them when they came ashore! Jesus didn’t tell them to get lost because he knew they were already lost, “like sheep without a shepherd.” Instead he cared for them, taught them, fed them a miraculous feast of bread and fish – and only then did he send them home.



These stories of Jesus and the crowds make me wonder – what happened to all the crowds? Jesus is still with his disciples today: caring for people, teaching them and feeding them with a miraculous feast of bread and wine, his own Body and Blood. So where are the crowds? Why aren’t people lining up at the doors of our church (we even offer multiple doors to accommodate them all!), waiting to get in? Don’t they know that Jesus is here, the actual, living Jesus?

There are many answers to that question. One that occurs to me is that things are different now, and much better! When Jesus was walking the hills of Galilee, he could only be one place at a time, and wherever he was, everyone wanted to be! As our risen and ascended Lord, Jesus is wherever his people are. If you count all the people at all the churches in Carroll County on one weekend, you would have a crowd larger than any crowd Jesus ever drew in Galilee!

A second answer also occurs to me. Jesus didn’t set up an office in Galilee and wait for people to come to him. Jesus was out there with the people. He met them where they were and accepted them as they were, and they responded!

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So what would happen, I wonder, if Jesus was out there with his disciples (including you and me) in our neighborhoods every day, meeting people where they are (instead of expecting them to meet us where we are) and accepting people as they are (instead of expecting them to come to our church and become like us)? I believe people would respond. We might even have a crowd problem on our hands!

The LEAD journey we began this year is designed to do exactly that: to get us out there in our neighborhood with Jesus every day – which is where we belong and where Jesus feels most at home. Jesus is calling us to follow him into places in our neighborhood we may not have dreamed of going to bring hope and healing to people who might never enter our doors.

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.

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

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 worship service, approximately 10:15 – 11:15 am. On coffee hour Sundays, we meet 10:45 – 11:30 am. Each week we explore the Gospel reading for the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome!

Aug 5: John 6:35, 41-51

Aug 19: John 6:56-69

Aug 12: John 6:51-58

Aug 26: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: Ecclesiastes

Both groups meet the first three weeks in August, concluding their study of the Old Testament book of wisdom, Ecclesiastes. Everyone is welcome. No previous knowledge of the Bible is needed. Our Bible study theme for the fall will be announced later this month and in the September Visitor.

Morning Group will meet in the Oak Tree Room

on Tuesday August 7, 14 & 21 at 11am.

Evening Group will meet at the Pastor's home, (840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158) on Wednesdays August 8, 15 & 22 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.

PASTOR CHARLIE'S AUGUST BIBLE CHALLENGE: LETTERS FROM PRISON

For our August Bible Challenge we will read slowly through chapter 6 of the letter to the Ephesians and follow with Paul's other letter from prison: Philippians. The online Bible Study will continue with daily comments from Pastor Charlie on Facebook. Email him at pastorc@ielcmd.org if you would like to join this private group, or if you would like to receive copies via email of the comments he posts there for each day.

8/1 Eph 6:1-4

8/2 Eph 6:5-9

8/3 Eph 6:10-13

8/4 Eph 6:14-17

8/5 Eph 6:18-20

8/6 Eph 6:21-24

8/7 Phil 1:1-5

8/8 Phil 1:6-11

8/9 Phil 1:12-14

8/10 Phil 1:15-18a

8/11 Phil 1:18b-21

8/12 Phil 1:22-26

8/13 Phil 1:27-30

8/14 Phil 2:1-4

8/15 Phil 2:5-11

8/16 Phil 2:12-13

8/17 Phil 2:14-18

8/18 Phil 2:19-24

8/19 Phil 2:25-30

8/20 Phil 3:1-4a

8/21 Phil 3:4b-6

8/22 Phil 3:7-11

8/23 Phil 3:12-16

8/24 Phil 3:17-21

8/25 Phil 4:1-3

8/26 Phil 4:4-7

8/27 Phil 4:8-9

8/28 Phil 4:10-14

8/29 Phil 4:15-17

8/30 Phil 4:18-20

8/31 Phil 4:21-23

MUTUAL MINISTRY

Chair: Bob Nicoll

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

We had a meeting on July 1st. We welcomed Amanda Yingling to our committee and are so glad to have Doris Dell back. The bulk of our time together was spent reviewing the Pastor's level of participation in the myriad of activities he is engaged in. Our concern is that his workload has had an impact on his health recently, and we need to try and identify areas where we can offload or delegate some of this workload. This will be an ongoing process.

We had an update on youth opportunities for worship assistance. If interested, please fill out a worship assistant form located in the back of the sanctuary and return to Susan Burnette. There were no new congregational inputs.

MISSIONS

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

Special Offering for the July monthly mission will be collected for
The Least of These Ministries on August 4th and 5th.



The Least of These Ministries is an ecumenical Christian organization headquartered in Westminster. They are dedicated to carrying Christ's message to the Haitian & Dominican workers in the sugar cane, banana, and plantain work camps within the Dominican Republic. The ministry's flagship project is a supplemental food distribution program which serves families across 13 bateys each week. Our hope is to improve residents' health, strengthen their resolve and desire to help themselves. Support is offered for physical and spiritual needs of these people.

The Least of These Ministries
PO Box 2824, Westminster, MD 21158
443-918-7105 · info@leastofthesemin.org

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

BAPTISM

9am Sunday Service – July 1, 2018

Fynn Oliver Puller

Son of Rick and Jessica Puller (Krout)

Sponsored by Heather Puller

THANKS

Donation designated to the Building Fund in memory of Gloria Armacost received by Ashely Burnette

THANK YOU TO MY AMAZING CHURCH FAMILY!

Thank you for all the calls, messages, visits, cards and most importantly prayers, as I recover from a broken leg that required emergency surgery. Thank you Pastor Charlie for visiting and keeping myself, my parents (Barb and Gene) and my wife (Amanda) in your prayers. There is still a long road ahead, but I am optimistic and looking forward to being back on both of my feet soon. God Bless! ~Brian Yingling

To Immanuel Church:



Thank you for helping us reach our goal with the special offering collected for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering.

We had an amazing experience in Houston where we learned to understand the fierce love that God has for us, just as we are, and that by grace, through faith, we have been saved.

Confirming the Youth Gathering theme: when young people (or any age!) truly claim this reality, *it indeed changes everything.*

We hope that Immanuel will have some adults and youth attending the 2021 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN!

DEATHS

John Yingling, friend of Gene & Barbara Yingling

Wally Nowlin, father of Terry

Jerry Betzler, friend of Bill & Barb Skelley

Jeff Mullins, uncle of Tyler Mullins

LEAD

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

Our LEAD team was pleased with the results of our congregational survey and want to again thank everyone who participated. As Pastor Charlie has mentioned throughout his communications, we are a **Becoming** congregation! We are active in the community in many areas and hope to continue growing and adding new missions to our list. The team is currently wrapping up the Tuning in Stage of the LEAD process where we are training on listening purposely in our conversations and most importantly, listening to God through scripture and prayer to see what God is asking us to do.

One step we are working on is to keep the congregation involved and updated on our progress. There was a tool provided by the LEAD organization for us and for any member of congregation called Summer of Intentions. It is a 20 day intentional exercise that helps us to tune in to intentional listening and observing. We hope you have had a chance to check this out. This tool is still available on the LEAD website www.waytolead.org/intentions or ask any LEAD member about signing up. It is a very interesting tool to use to further connect with how God is present in our daily lives.

Our LEAD Bible Study was held on Sunday July 15th . We were pleased to have a few additional people from the congregation join in. The study was based on verses from the Book of Acts discussing the beginning days of Church and how in today's Church we are very similar to the early days of Church in some areas yet so different in others. We had the opportunity to discuss ways our LEAD group and other organized groups from within our congregation and possibly other Church congregations can work together to pool our resources, listen to what the community and our congregation's needs are, and how we can continue to spread God's word and do what God asks of us.

We are looking forward to our next event with the LEAD organization to start our next steps which includes Listening to God in our congregation. It will be held the first weekend in August and will include several other LEAD Teams from within the MD/Delaware Synod. We ask for continued prayers for our team as we take these next steps and continue working on behalf of Immanuel and our community.

The Immanuel LEAD Team,
Pastor Charlie, Chris Crouch, John Gregg,
Debbie Mace, Terri Rill , Debbie Miller



FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

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

Coffee hour will be held on August 5th. Come on down and enjoy some time with your church family.

On August 7th Immanuel will be at *Manchester Night Out* at the carnival grounds. The Fellowship Committee will have a game for children where Pastor Charlie helps to catch a fish and win some school supplies. For some reason ... they always seem to catch a fish and win!! This is a great event and watching the children fish is always entertaining.

We are planning our Immanuel Picnic on September 9th at 12noon. All you have to do is bring yourself and a dessert or side dish. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. We always have a great time playing bingo and winning a prize. Hope to see you there.

Work Day at Immanuel

Come help at Work Day on *Monday, August 13th*.

Join us for any time you can, between 9am and 2pm in the Social Hall. You will have a great time of fellowship (and lunch is provided!) while helping make blankets for charity organizations.

~No sewing experience necessary~

There is something for everyone to do! So bring a friend with you! Everyone can help. And all help is appreciated.

Dear Workday Quilters at Immanuel Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Pediatric Unit here at Greater Baltimore Medical Center, we want to thank you for your efforts and time in providing your handmade blankets to our patients. Such donations, help us to meet the psychological, social and emotional needs of the children and teens that are being treated at GBMC. The blankets are most often used to decorate a patient's room when they need to be admitted and spend the night in the hospital. Your kind acts help make it possible for our patients to feel well cared for and special while in the hospital.

Thanks again for helping to bring a smile to the faces of the kids who come to the pediatric unit here at GBMC. Sincerely,

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 at our VBS with our fun theme “*Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*”! With 46 youth, 6 youth helpers and 23 adult volunteers, this year’s VBS was truly a blessing! We learned how Jesus rescues us when we are lonely, when we worry, when we struggle, when we do wrong and when we feel powerless! Evenings kicked off with a wonderful meal followed by music, Bible stories, games and crafts.

A special thank you to Pastor Charlie for his leadership and guidance, as well as to all our fantastic VBS volunteers. We were also blessed to have Deacon Don Helfer from Jerusalem Lutheran lead our games, we thank him for all his hard work and for the continued partnership between our congregations. VBS is always 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 “Rescued by Jesus”.

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!



Here are a few pictures. But we have a photo album with all our VBS fun! Please visit <https://immanuelvbsjuly2018.shutterfly.com/pictures> to see all the photos from the week.

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We also were able to support ELCA Seafarers International House with a monetary offering collected throughout the week. 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 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 join us for a meeting to discuss ideas, new approaches, curriculum and more on Sunday, August 5th in the Social Hall during the coffee hour.

Carroll Lutheran School

1738 Old Taneytown Road Westminster, MD 21158

(410) 848-1050 www.clsedu.org

info@carrolllutherschool.org

We are currently in Open Enrollment for our K-8 classes and encourage interested members of Immanuel to schedule a tour or to register.

****NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM****

Send a student from Immanuel to CLS at a greatly reduced tuition! CLS is offering a Conference Church Scholarship to a student of our choosing. The program allows one student to attend CLS for a tuition cost of just \$2,000 per year (standard tuition approx \$7,000). Immanuel simply refers an interested student to the school. CLS will take care of the rest.

The goal of CLS is to bring that high-quality education to as many students as possible. They are striving for 100% participation from all conference churches. Interested? Please contact Pastor Charlie as soon as possible. If you want to send your child to CLS but cannot afford the reduced tuition, we will find a way to make it work. It is very important for Immanuel to have a personal connection with CLS!

GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Friday, October 5, CLS hosts their 16th annual Swing for Scholarships golf tournament at Quail Valley Golf Course (900 Teeter Road, Littlestown, PA 17340). Registration includes a continental breakfast, an 8:30am shotgun start, and lunch following the tournament. Cost is \$85 per player and \$340 per foursome. Proceeds benefit the CLS scholarship fund. For more info or to register, visit school website carrolllutherschool.org.



KIDS FEEDING KIDS

Kids Feeding Kids is up and running for another year at least through August 10, and extending to August 31 if all goes well. The program was highlighted in a WMAR TV Channel 2 news story that aired July 26 at 5:15 pm. The story is available for viewing on the WMAR TV News website, www.wmar2news.com if you want to check it out.

This year, while our kitchen is under renovation, food is being prepared at Manchester Elementary School and brought to Immanuel where our youth volunteers set up, serve and clean up, assist younger children with special activities and prepare take-home meal kits.

Lunch is served Tuesday through Friday 11:30am – 12:30pm. Lunch is free for children and teens age 18 and under through a government grant, and Immanuel is picking up the tab for adults – mostly parents and grandparents bringing their children.

If you would like to help cover the costs for Kids Feeding Kids, you can donate through Immanuel Lutheran Church. Checks should be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church with “Kids Feeding Kids” or “KFK” in the memo line. Contact Sharon Bonner at 443-847-8185 for more info on how you can help.

CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Vice President: John Gregg, 410-599-3091

Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

Church council did not meet in July.
Next scheduled meeting is August 14, 2018

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Join Manchester in Celebrating Our 5th National Night Out!!

WHEN: AUGUST 7, 2018 6pm – 8pm
WHERE: MANCHESTER VOL. CARNIVAL GROUNDS
3297 York Street

August 7th is National Night Out, a FREE neighborhood/family event to increase awareness of crime, drugs and violence and to also encourage community participation. Your local Police will be available to discuss the many ways you can keep your neighborhood safe. Join the conversation on fire safety with several Volunteer Firefighters. The more you know about your neighborhood – the more you can do to keep it safe!!! **Fun-filled evening for KIDS!!!**

Planned Activities:

- Hot Dogs & Drinks
- Public Safety Information
- Explore a Police Car, Ambulance and Fire Truck!
- Try on S.W.A.T. & Firefighter Gear
- See Manchester Public Works Equipment Up Close!
- Face Painting, Bike Raffle, Ice Cream!!



This event sponsored by the Manchester Police Department, Town of Manchester and the Manchester Volunteer Fire Department. Any questions, please contact the Town Office at 410-239-3200.

BLOOD DRIVE

Trinity UCC is hosting a blood drive August 8 from 2 to 7pm. To schedule donation, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: trinityunitedchurchofchrist or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

FAMILY OUTREACH WORKSHOPS

For families and friends affected by addiction will be held on Wednesday evenings, 6–7:30pm at the Carroll County Health Dept (290 S. Center St Westminster). Free and open to all. Light refreshments will be served.

Topics and dates are:

Aug 8 – I Know Your Addiction is an Illness, But Why Do I Feel So Sick?
the physical and emotional toll on families affected by addiction

Aug 22 – What About the Kids?

Issues of children and caregivers when parents are addicted

Sept 5 – The Toll of Addiction

Legal and financial issues for families affected by addiction

For more information or to register call LuAnn Beck-Day (410) 876-4449.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS ... cont'd

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.

August 18 · September 15 · October 13

ANTHONY'S WAY 5K

Anthony's Way is a non-profit, that helps anyone suffering from drug and alcohol addiction to achieve a better quality of life and become accountable individuals. *Anthony's Way* supports anyone suffering with the disease of addiction and their families to begin their journey to recovery.

Help them continue to help others

by participating in their 5k Run on Saturday, August 18

5K - RUN FOR RECOVERY / HOPE[®] AND MEMORY WALK

REMEMBERING THOSE LOST TO ADDICTION
AND THE HOPE OF RECOVERY FOR THOSE THAT STILL SUFFER
ADDICTION & RECOVERY RESOURCES WILL BE AVAILABLE



SAT, AUGUST 18TH@10AM-3PM
SOUTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL
200 BOWMAN RD HANOVER, PA 17331



Pre-Registration \$30
Day of Event \$35

Moon bounce for kids.
Food by 3 Hogs of Hanover

Trophies / prizes for winners

COMMUNITY BAZAAR / YARD SALE

Large Community Fall Bazaar / Yard Sale on September 15 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Snydersburg from 8am to 2pm (1616 Cape Horn Rd Hampstead 21074) Vendors Needed (set up 6:30am-7:45am)

Cost \$15/space or \$20/space with table

Contact Diane Aberts @ 410-239-1891 dfaberts@gmail.com or
Bev Martin @ 410-374-6519 bamedd40@gmail.com

KIDS FEEDING KIDS

This summer lunch program will only be successful if the children and families in our community know about it. **Please pass on information!**

The drop-in program needs no signup paperwork and has no fees. Everyone is welcome— including the adults! *Please stop by when you can!* Immanuel is hosting a FREE summer lunch program in the Social Hall. Lunch is served Tuesday through Friday from 11:30am to 12:30pm through August 10. **But may continue through August 31st.*

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

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Missions Special Offering 9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Coffee Hour and Sunday School Meeting 10:15am Childrens Choir Practice 10:45am Adult Bible Study Social Hall Reserved	*Kids Feeding Kids program may continue through August 31 8pm AI-Aron 8pm AA	11am Bible Study-Oak Tree Rm 11:30am-12:30pm Kids Feeding Kids 6-8pm NFL Night Out 7pm Scouts	11:30am-12:30pm Kids Feeding Kids 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home 7:15pm AA	Pastor Retreat Day 11:30am-12:30pm Kids Feeding Kids	Pastor Day Off 11:30am-12:30pm Kids Feeding Kids 8pm AA 8pm AI-Aron	Missions Special Offering 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
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12 9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Adult Bible Study	13 9am Work Day 8pm AI-Aron 8pm AA Office Closed	14 11am Bible Study 7pm Scouts 7pm Church Council Meeting	15 10:30am Stephen Ministry Mtg 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home 7:15pm AA	16 Pastor Day Off	17 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Aron	18 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
19 Return Sponsored Backpacks! 9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Adult Bible Study 10:15am Childrens Choir Practice	20 8pm AI-Aron 8pm AA	21 11am Bible Study 7pm Scouts	22 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home 7:15pm AA	23 Pastor Day Off	24 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Aron	25 Backpacks del'd to families Blessing of Backpacks 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
26 Blessing of Backpacks Children's Choir Singing at Sys 9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Adult Bible Study	27 8pm AI-Aron 8pm AA	28 7pm Scouts	29 7:15pm AA	30 Pastor Day Off	31 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Aron	

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Leaders: Bob Nicoll, Connie Dattilio

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

The Stephen Ministry team at Immanuel warmly welcomes Gretchen Jensen who was commissioned on June 24. Gretchen, who received her 50 hours of training at Covenant of Grace Church in Reisterstown, will be an integral member of our Stephen Ministry group. Together we are committed to help those who are experiencing issues such as grief, divorce, chronic illness, long-term care, terminal illness, loneliness, or job loss. It is not counseling, but rather a confidential and caring Christian lay ministry. Since 1995, Stephen Ministry has been a part of the spiritual life of Immanuel, serving members of our congregation who face life struggles. Stephen Ministers are nonjudgmental compassionate listeners, willing to walk side by side with those facing difficulties.

The Stephen Ministers at Immanuel engage in both supervision related to their caregiver relationship, and ongoing training to broaden their skills as caregivers. In supervision meetings, care receivers are not identified by name to preserve the confidential nature of our lay ministry. Our ongoing training this summer has included the difficult topic of suicide, including risk factors, warning signs, treatment options, and protocol Stephen Ministers should follow when encountering a suicidal care receiver. We have also reviewed the subject of Christian caregiving, a core value of Stephen Ministry.

If you need the reassurance of God's love, and the knowledge that someone cares enough about you to share what you are struggling with, contact Connie Dattilio (717-637-7157) or see Pastor Charlie to make a referral.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Stephen Minister, Connie, Bob Nicoll, or Pastor Charlie can further speak to you about Stephen Ministry. A Stephen Ministry course will begin this September at Carroll Lutheran Village. Contact Bob Nicoll for further information.

Christine Crouch
Stephen Minister

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES / BACKPACKS

School Supplies Backpacks are available to be filled! Please fill out the attached tag and leave in the labeled basket so we know who is filling the backpacks. A paper is in each bag listing the supplies that is needed for the upcoming year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us. Delivery to the families will be made mid-late August.

LOCAL PANTRY COLLECTION



NESAP / ToFF is in need of Jelly. Labeled baskets are in the Narthex. Please consider picking up a jar of Jelly (sold at the dollar store!)

They are still in need of plastic bags and brown paper bags (Miller's Bags). Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

TABLE OF GRACE

Our next Table Of Grace is August 31st. If you would like to help, please let someone on the Social Ministry team know. If you cannot help on that Tuesday, then please consider donating a baked good—it can be store bought or home made! The clients we serve love pies and cakes with icing.

As always, we could not accomplish all we do without your support ... we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!



THRIVENT®

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.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

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

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

AUGUST HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm

Amanda Yingling

Sundays at 9am

Debbie Hebrank

AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

Frank and Susan Burnette

JUNE ATTENDANCE

YEAR	MONTHLY ATTENDANCE	MONTHLY AVERAGE
2015	446	112
2016	419	105
2017	467	117
2018	368	92

JUNE 2018 WORSHIP

Weekend Services	Sat-Sun Attendance	Remarks
June 2,3	29 + 87 = 116	Pentecost 3
9,10	16 + 65 = 81	Pentecost 4
16,17	19 + 76 = 95	Pentecost 5
23,24	16 + 60 = 76	Pentecost 6
June Totals	368	
Wkend Average	92	

LOOKING AHEAD ...

August 25-26: Blessing of the Backpacks
Children's Choir Sing

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



THIS MONTH and BEYOND...

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 **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.'

AUGUST LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

For your Home Bible Study ~ Join everyone as we read through August.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
July 30 ~ Aug 5	Exodus 16:2-4,9-15	Psalm 78:23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
Aug 6 ~ 12	I Kings 19:4-8	Psalm 34:1-8	Ephesians 4:25~ 5:2	John 6:35,41-51
Aug 13 ~ 19	Proverbs 9:1-6	Psalm 34:9-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
Aug 20 ~ 26	Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18	Psalm 34:15-22	Ephesians 6:1-20	John 6:56-69
Aug 27 ~ Sept 2	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Psalm 15	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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.

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. Just express your wishes to Pastor Charlie when you arrive at the communion rail. A communion steward will offer 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. Extra members are needed to coordinate the 'behind-the-scenes' setup and cleanup of communion for our Sunday Morning Services. NO experience is needed for the twenty minutes of your volunteer time before and after a service. Individuals or husband-wife teams are encouraged to join our guild. See 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 still 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. Also, copies of Our Daily Bread for June, July and August are still available.

ADULT CHOIR ~ CHIME CHOIR RECRUITMENT

Prayerfully consider joining the **Sunday Morning Adult Choir** or **The Chime Choir** this fall. Even if you are not ready for a regular commitment, but can help occasionally, please contact Jerry Hoffman (organist/choir director) or Audrey Moose (chime director).

Reading music is not a requirement; there is no age limit and NO auditions are necessary!

Simply a group of people who like music – everyone together can make a '*joyful noise to the Lord*'! After a well-deserved summer break, both choirs will resume weekly practices (*on or about*) **Thursday, Sept 6th**.

CHILDRENS' CHOIR

Hey kids!! Our next **Children's Choir performance is on Sunday, August 26th**, which corresponds with the '*Blessing of the Backpacks*' Sunday. Rehearsals will be emailed to you. Mr. Pete, Miss Sandy and Miss Amanda are very excited to begin another year as your adult helpers!

Keep a Song in your Heart!!

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS ~ FLOWERS and LESSONS & PRAYERS

Each weekend, fresh seasonal flowers enhance our worship experience with color and beauty. The 2018 Flower Sponsorship Calendar is posted in the church office hallway with sponsorship forms and envelopes. Available weekend dates are still open during **AUGUST**. Consider splitting the cost with a family member or friend. Place completed information, with payment, in the Worship and Music basket on the lamp table of the office by Wednesday at 12 noon of the weekend prior to your reserved date.



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

AUGUST OPEN DATES:

- Aug 4-5 Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- Aug 11-12 Altar Vases
- Aug 18-19 Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- Aug 25-26 Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers

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. Simply 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, practice scheduled as needed

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

Women's Harmony Choir sing quarterly, practice scheduled as needed

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Our August birthday and wedding anniversaries are listed below. If your family wishes to be included, please contact Susan Burnette.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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