

The VISITOR

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Mission Statement

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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first five months at Immanuel. These relatively quiet months after Easter and through the summer have been a wonderful time to settle in and get to know many of you before getting fully into the swing of things when so many of our programs resume in September, including some that have been on hiatus for a time during the interim period. To avoid repetition, I will not mention them here but let you read about them in the pages of this newsletter.

Toward the end of the summer, I was blessed to attend two outstanding leadership training events: the Global Leadership Summit, simulcast from Willow Creek Community Church in Chicago (I attended the local site in Reisterstown), and the LEAD training event for congregational renewal. At both events I was challenged and inspired by leaders from the faith community and the business world, all of whom testified to one central truth: Leadership is all about relationships. Great leaders put the needs of people first: those in their own organization and those whom they serve.

Throughout his ministry, Jesus taught and lived this truth. He spoke of the shepherd leaving the 99 in the wilderness to search for the one that was lost, and in his own ministry he so regularly sought out the lost ones that he became notorious as a friend of tax collectors and sinners. As Pastor Bill Hybels said, "God treasures people above all else. We are to treasure what God treasures."



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Alan Mulally told how was able to transform the Ford Motor Company into an industry leader by putting his people first, including them all in every step of the process, making sure that everyone knows the plan and their place in the plan at every step along with way, and expecting his people to respect, appreciate and help each other – and to have fun along the way.

Leadership expert John Maxwell told us, “Leaders lift people. Leaders add value to people. Every day, add as much value as you can to as many people as you can in as many ways as you can.” This includes family members and friends, coworkers and neighbors, as well as perfect strangers. As the Bible tells us, “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:3-4) When we get this one thing right, everything else falls into place.

At the LEAD training event, led by Peggy Hahn and Jane Triplett, we learned that relationships are the key to the health and vitality of the church and its part in God’s mission, and that the key to building relationships is listening deeply and intentionally to God’s Word, to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, and to our neighbors, so that we may discern what God is up to in our neighborhood and get in on the action!

Think of all the ways in which we, as a congregation, add value to the people of Manchester and beyond: feeding the hungry through our offerings to NESAP and Tree of Friends and the meals we provide and serve at Table of Grace, bringing hope to sick children through the quilts our quilters make for the Linus Project, supporting the work of other caring organizations through our monthly mission offerings, providing emergency assistance to our neighbors in need, not to mention the countless ways in which individual members of Immanuel add value to the lives of others every day!

What a joy and a relief it is to know that we are not here for ourselves but for each other and for our neighbors in need, and to know that as we live our lives for others, God will take care of us!

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.

PASTOR VISITS

Pastor Charlie's "pastoral care list" includes about 25 members and non-members with special needs whom he contacts monthly. If you or someone you know would like to be added, please let him or the church office know. Thank you for helping us ensure no one is forgotten!

WE'RE HAVING A CARD SHOWER!

Our oldest member, Hazel Leppo, will be 100 years old in September. Mail your card to address below. Or bring it to Church and Pastor Charlie will take it to her birthday party Sept 10.

Ms Hazel Leppo
610 Harmony Drive
Apt 120
New Oxford PA 17350



WESTMINSTER FALL CLUSTER MEETING

Women of the ELCA hosting a Christian Spa Day on October 29, 2016!
More information or questions to Gloria Kniss at 717-359-7681

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SEPTEMBER BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAYS AT 10:30am PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

Please join Pastor Charlie for our year-round Sunday morning Bible study in the Martin Luther Room based on the Bible readings for that Sunday's worship service.

Putting people first is one of our core values as disciples of Jesus. Throughout his ministry, Jesus consistently put the needs of people first – especially those whom the rest of society considered unworthy or failed to notice at all – and often got in trouble for it! Don't miss this opportunity to dig deeper into God's Word and learn how you can follow Jesus by putting people first.

No previous knowledge of the Bible or of Lutheran doctrine are needed. (In fact, sometimes these can get in the way!)

Whether you are new to the church or to the Christian faith or a lifelong member of Immanuel, this Bible study is for you!

CONFIRMATION CLASS IS BACK!

Pastor Charlie will be teaching the confirmation class for students in grade 7 or above on Sunday evenings at 6:30 PM beginning Sept. 18.

This is a two year program which also includes participation in weekly worship, Sunday School and youth activities.

Older students who had begun confirmation instruction with a previous pastor may be able to complete the program sooner.

You may enroll by contacting Pastor Charlie at the church office (410-374-4463), by phone or text message at 443-854-2394, or by email to pastorc@ielcmd.org.

BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUPS FORMING

Pastor Charlie will be leading a small group Bible study and a second small group meeting for prayer, beginning this fall.

Beginning in October, the Bible study group will usually meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the church office, and the prayer group will usually meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at the pastor's home, 840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158. The schedule will be adjusted as needed to avoid scheduling conflicts. October dates will be: Oct. 4 & Oct. 18 for Bible study and Oct. 5 & Oct. 12 for prayer group.

You may enroll by contacting Pastor Charlie at the church office (410-374-4463), by phone or text message at 443-854-2394, or by email to pastorc@ielcmd.org.



Two — Four — Six — Eight
Who do we appreciate? ...
Our new pastor — Pastor Charlie !

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. It is a wonderful time to thank Pastor Charlie for all the ways he touches our lives and helps us to grow in Christ. Remember that Pastor Appreciation Month is not about glorifying a man or woman. It is a biblically consistent opportunity [I Thess. 5:12-13] to recognize and encourage those whom God has called to proclaim His message and lead His people.

Enclosed in this Visitor you will find a card for you to fill out-
“have I told you

Please express your appreciation to Pastor Charlie by writing him a message on this card and returning it to Immanuel by September 25.

If you are at Sunday service, place it in the offering plate. You can also mail or drop it off to the church office.

The cards will be presented to Pastor at the monthly coffee hour on October 4. Please join us for coffee that morning and a short celebration honoring Pastor Charlie.

Suggestions of how to show your appreciation include:

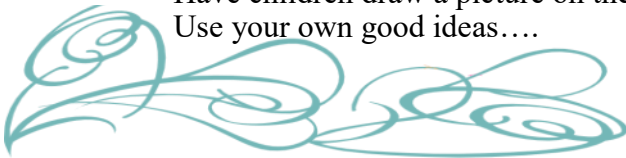
Include the Pastor in your prayers

[for a day, a month, or even for the entire year].

Consider giving them a coupon good for a meal
that you will deliver to them

Have children draw a picture on the inside of the card

Use your own good ideas....



FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

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

Linda Gregg; Matthew Rooney; Jamie Rooney

Your Fellowship committee participated in Manchester's Night Out on August 2, 2016. This event is a multi-sponsored event with organizations and businesses from the community taking part. The carnival grounds on York Street was packed with activities, food, games and free "stuff" for the children of the area. Immanuel sponsored a "fishing" pond where children could fish for school supplies. If a child "hooked" a fish they could pick a school supply from 3 tubs of assorted age appropriate supplies. Pastor Charlie did a great job of teaching the children to fish. It was a perfect opportunity for Pastor to meet many members of the Manchester community.



Do you know where you can have a relaxing lunch at a beautiful park with entertainment only 1 mile from church? ... Well your Fellowship committee does!! Come join your church family and friends at Immanuel's church picnic. The old fashioned picnic is Sunday, September 11 at Christmas Tree Park in pavilion #3. The fun begins at noon. Fellowship will be serving grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. Side dishes and desserts will be donated by the congregation. There is a sign- up sheet in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please sign up so we can plan accordingly. This picnic also marks the beginning of the Sunday school year. There will be games for the children and adults too! Prizes will be awarded. So plan to be there and better yet, bring a friend or family member who hasn't been with us in the past.



If you haven't had a great baked item in a while, then you haven't been coming to the Social Hall for Immanuel's monthly coffee hour. There is always a big assortment of things to try. Coffee hours are held on the first Sunday of the month after the 9 am service. The next one is September 4th. You can also take your coffee and pastry to the Martin Luther room and participate in Pastor Charlie's Bible study.

Coffee Hour



So don't forget ... — ... you are invited.

MISSIONS

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

As we move into the fall it seems appropriate to reflect upon the past 8 months. The congregation of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church has responded each month to financially support our “Monthly Mission”.

Since January, you have supported June Renner’s Pillowcase Dresses, Target Community & Educational Services, Masonic Charitable Trust, VBS at Immanuel, ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Boys and Girls Club of Westminster, and Mar-Lu-Ridge. Thank you for your generous support.



In September we will sponsor Operation Christmas Child and in October our mission will sponsor Olivia’s House located in Hanover, PA.



Please join your fellow congregation members the first Sunday of the month to learn about these important missions. After the service, drop in and visit the social hall to mingle with the guest speaker, ask your questions concerning the mission and enjoy coffee and pastries. Your church council appreciates everything you do in support of the mission of Immanuel.

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

We need your help to have a successful Sunday School this year! 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.

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. Contact Pastor Charlie or Jen Edwards for more information or to sign up!



Join us on Sept 11th at the Church Picnic to Kick Off Sunday School
Our first Sunday School class will be on September 18. Weekly Sunday School classes run from 10:15 – 11:30 am each Sunday. Classrooms are:
Preschool – Kindergarten Group 2 (4th - 5th grade)
Group 1 (1st – 3rd grade) Group 3 (6th - 12th grade)

We begin together with prayer, music and offering. Then groups go to classroom for lessons, activities, crafts, games and snacks. Lessons follow the lectionary and also include holiday lessons and ongoing learning such as the Lord's Prayer, the 10 Commandments and the Apostle's Creed.

Register now!

*Sunday School Registration Forms are available at Church,
in this newsletter and on our website.*

Youth Activities: Monthly activities at various times throughout the month. Activities include fun social outings each month such as bowling, corn maze, parent's night out, nature center hikes and picnics. Most costs are covered by Immanuel for all youth attending. Additional monthly service and outreach activities such as hosting coffee hours, Italian dinner, making cards and assisting at NESAP and SPCA, and holding roles during service on Youth Sundays.

Please note you **do not need to be a member** of Immanuel Church to attend Sunday School or our events. Please bring your family and friends! Our youth program is a fun and exciting time spending time together and learning about Christ, the Bible lessons, praise, worship and outreach. We would love for you and your family to join us any time you can!

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CHILDREN'S YOUTH CHOIR

We are starting a youth choir! There will be 4-5 performances per year with practices for a couple of weeks leading up the performances. We welcome all joyful voices! More information can be found in 'Worship and Music'.

BABY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Baby Sunday School (birth -2) will begin on September 11th at Christmas Tree Park along with the Sunday School Kickoff. Then, Baby Sunday School will meet on the first Sunday of the month in the Oak Tree room following the worship service. We look forward to seeing you and your little one.

If you have any questions please contact

Jamie Rooney (jamielr126@gmail.com) or

Christine Hoffman (cohoffman22@gmail.com)

FROLIC

Remember to sign up for the E-Newsletter!



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.

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.

If you are interested in enrolling,

contact Christine Crouch at 410-746-0260 or crouchchristine@msn.com.

PROPERTY

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

Members: Tony Mancuso, 443-375-8733

Frank Burnette, John Gregg

A contract was signed on July 30, 2016 with the buyers of the parsonage. Currently the buyers are having inspections done and a settlement date will be scheduled when completed.

Work is currently underway to install a wireless sound system in the Oak Tree Room. Beginning in September, the newly formed Baby Sunday school will begin meeting in that room. In addition, nursing Moms will be able to hear the church service while nursing their baby.

After several failed attempts to find an alternative path to getting the kitchen project planned and build ready, it has been decided and approved by Finance and Church council to employ the planners and engineers recommended by John Gregg. This is a solid path that will get us to the construction starting point and will comply with all county building and safety requirements.

Once this plan is prepared and approved, Property will begin the process of securing estimates for construction, selecting a contractor and beginning the project.

Recently the church's sump pump was replaced. Some associated electrical work was also completed. In addition, the AC units were serviced and a cracked condensate pan was replaced.

*Property
Committee*



September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7pm Choir Practice	2 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AL-Anon	3 Missions - Special Offering 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
4 Missions - Special Offering 9am Worship / Comm 10:15 Coffee Hour 10:30 Adult Bible Study 12pm Social Hall Reserved	5 8pm AL-Anon 8pm AA	6	7 7:15pm AA	8 6:30pm Chimes Mtg 7pm Choir Practice	9 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AL-Anon	10 Social Hall Reserved 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
11 Holy Cross Sunday 8:15am Children's Choir Practice 9am Worship / Comm 10:30 Adult Bible Study 12pm Church Picnic - Christmas Tree Park	12 8pm AL-Anon 8pm AA	13 7pm Church Council	14	15 7pm Choir Practice	16 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AL-Anon	17 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
18 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation Class Social Hall Reserved	19 9am Work Day 8pm AL-Anon 8pm AA	20	21 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:15pm AA	22 7pm Choir Practice	23 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AL-Anon	24 10am Decorate for Harvest Home 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
25 Harvest Home 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation Class	26 8pm AL-Anon 8pm AA	27	28 7:15pm AA	29 7pm Choir Practice	30 Social Hall Reserved Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AL-Anon	

MUTUAL MINISTRY

Chair: Bob Nicoll

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

George was telling his friend about his church and all the work his pastor did. His friend was quite impressed and said, “Sounds like you’ve got a good pastor. What do the rest of you do?”

George replied, “The pastor is paid to be good. The rest of us are good for nothing!”

That cute little story is what Mutual Ministry is all about. In most congregations, the focus is on the pastor as the one who does the work of God, while the members do what they can to help the pastor get the job done. In healthy congregations, all the members of the congregation see themselves as ministers, doing the work of God together. The pastor’s ministry is to equip the members to carry out their ministry fully.

In Ephesians 4 we read, “each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift... and his gifts were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”

Our ministry is a mutual ministry. As members of a single living body, each one of us has an important role to play to help the whole body grow. When all the members of the body are working together, each member performing its proper function, the whole body is built up.

The Mutual Ministry committee has an important role to play in the body of Christ here at Immanuel: helping to make sure that the pastor and the church members are working well together, each doing their part, each being supported and encouraged by the other; and acting quickly when problems arise so that small problems do not grow into big ones that might undermine the health of the whole body.

You can help us by sharing your comments, suggestions and concerns with Pastor Charlie or any other member of the committee, or by placing a comment card in the box in the back of the sanctuary. All comments received will be shared with the committee and responded to promptly. You can also help by praying for us in our work.

Thank you for helping us to build up the body of Christ!

DEATHS

June Brown

June 7, 1933 – July 27, 2016

Howard "Babe" LeRoy Miller

May 17, 1940 - August 13, 2016

THANKS

Donations received in memory of Margaret McCullough from
Don and Pat Diserod
June Brown
Bobby & Susan Yingling and Family
Katharyn Black
Bonnie Hull
Daniel and Kathryn Riley
Brad & Iva Martin

Donation received in memory of Ethel Hooper from
Bonnie Hull

Donation received in memory of June Brown from
Don and Pat Diserod
Walter and Dolly Ruby
Bonnie Hull
Doris Dell
Daniel and Kathryn Riley
John and Ellen Stickles
Betty Miller
Gloria Armacost
Brad & Iva Martin
Henry & Sue Adami, designated to the Kitchen Fund

Donation received in memory of Babe Miller from
Gloria Armacost
Doris Dell

Donations through the Thrivent Choice program received from
John Popp and Mary Popp

The family of June Brown wishes to thank everyone for your love and support during this difficult time after our Mother's and Grandmother's death. We thank everyone for their prayers and cards and visits while she was in Longview for the past few years.

Thank you too for your many cards of sympathy since she has died. Thank you to Pastor Charlie for his many visits, prayers, singing and reading the Bible to her while she was dying and the lovely funeral service for Mom. She would have loved it all.

We thank Rachel Murphy for your assistance with the bulletin and finding us a fill-in organist, and to Steve Burriss for setting up the tables and your baked goodies. Many thanks to the wonderful people who baked, cooked, set up and served the delicious funeral luncheon. What a wonderful ministry that is, during a time when the family cannot think properly or organize appropriately. It is such a nice warm feeling to have such wonderful people working behind the scenes to take care of the family and friends for a meal of fellowship after a week of mental exhaustion.

We also wish to thank the Stephen Ministry committee members Audrey Shaffer and Connie Dattillio for your prayers and many visits. Audrey - thank you for coming every Sunday to the Nursing home to feed Mom and to read the Bible to her while she was dying. A gift of love!

Thank you Garth Eckhardt and your staff for doing all that you do. Your kindness and loving ways mean so very much. We appreciate everyone!

If we forgot anyone please forgive us but know we appreciate all of you. Mom loved her church and her church family. Each and every one of you were important to her.

May God watch over each of you in the days ahead.

Susan, Bobby, Jeffrey, Jen, Ava, Olivia,
Michael, Lindsey, David, Amy and Abby

NEW MEMBERS

*Rick and Jessica Puller *

Katharyn Black

Caroline and Sarah Marshall

Walter Ruby

We also welcome the former members of Lazarus Lutheran Church into the fellowship and mission of this congregation while each of them seeks God's guidance for the future:

Burnell & Paulyne Hartlaub
Romaine Harper
John & Linda Calhoun
John & Darlene Wherley
Maxine Miller
Chad Calhoun
Terry Nowlin
Dorothy Norris

David & Frances Diseroad
Gene & Ruthetta Meckley
Michelle Mitchell
Robert & Sandra Folk
Bruce Warch
Dot Matthews
Debra Hartlaub



2016 COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Vice President: Frank Burnette, Irfburnette@gmail.com

Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

Church council met on Tuesday, August 9 at the home of Tony Mancuso. Tony prepared pizza for the members using his personally constructed outdoor pizza oven. The pizzas were delicious—THANK YOU Tony!

The following items were discussed:

NEW BUSINESS

- *Generosity Project: A seminar will be held in Hagerstown, Maryland on Sept 10 from 10am to 3pm. Stewardship education and family based activities are scheduled to teach the spirit of generosity. Members of Immanuel's Finance committee are encouraged to attend.
- *Spark House Book Fair: Focus is on resources for the young and families. Jamie Rooney volunteered to chair this event. Possibly scheduling this for Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving
- *Baby Sunday School: Jamie Rooney and Christine Hoffman will get this program going in September when regular Sunday school begins. Plans are for young Moms and their babies to start meeting in the Oak Tree Room the first Sunday of each month.
- *Youth Road Trip: Geared to middle school students. Will be held October 21-23. Please let Immanuel know of any interest in attending. Families are encouraged to pay ½ of tuition.
- *Immanuel was the recipient of two generous financial gifts in July. One from Lazarus Lutheran and one from the estate of Pastor Kretschmer.
- *Designated memorial funds are normally held for 6 months in anticipation of the family making a request on how they should be used. Before these funds are placed in the general fund, council voted to send a letter to the family asking their wishes in how the money should be used.
- *A question was raised as to why the American and Maryland flags are no longer displayed in the Sanctuary. There is Theological protocol concerning this display. The flags can be displayed in the entrances to the church or rear of the Sanctuary.

OLD BUSINESS

- *The Oak Tree Room will be wired for sound so that the worship service can be heard in that room. This is a continuing part of the sound system upgrades currently being made.
- *God's Work, Our Hands Project: A member of the congregation recommended a project. Kindness Kits would be put together for the homeless and needy. Fellowship and Social Ministry are working with this member to develop the project.
- *A contract was signed July 30th for the sale of the parsonage. Currently waiting for the settlement date.
- *Kitchen project is moving forward. An architectural drawing is being developed-this should help us secure a general contractor to get the project moving.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

It is hard to believe that as we read this Visitor, our students are back in school. The congregation of Immanuel filled 20 backpacks for our sponsored families. The Social Ministry team would like to thank each of you who filled a backpack and returned it to Immanuel for delivery to the families.

The families were very appreciative and expressed their thanks for Immanuel's generosity. The kids were excited to go back to school with the supplies they needed.



Social Ministry and volunteers served Table of Grace on Tuesday, August 30 at Grace Lutheran Church. A picnic style lunch was served to everyone. Thank you again to all who helped.

Pantry shelves at 'Tree of Friends Foundation' on Main Street need replenishing to continue to meet the needs of the Manchester community. Over the summer months, donations have been down. Please consider making a donation of the following items:



- * canned tuna, chicken and salmon
- * canned fruit
- * pasta and pasta sauces
- * canned soups
- * peanut butter

Your donations can be dropped off at T.O.F.F. on Main Street or brought to Immanuel church. There is a box, appropriately marked, in the entrance to the education building.

NESAP is asking for donations of pasta sauce and pasta. Labeled baskets are in the Narthex and education building for your donations. NESAP continues to request brown paper grocery bags (these are used by clients at the food pantry).

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

SEPTEMBER HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm Sundays at 9am
Jen Edwards Jamie Rooney

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Ellen Linsenbardt
Audrey Shaffer

SAVE THESE DATES

September 8

Chime Choir Organizational Meeting at 6:30pm
Adult Choir practice resumes, 7-8pm

September 11

Holy Cross Sunday

Children's Youth Choir Practice at 8:15am

September 24-25

Harvest Home decorating – Saturday at 10am
Harvest Home Services at 5pm and 9am
'Fill-Our-Baskets' for NESAP Food Drive
Children's Choir Performance at 9am Service

October 8-9

Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing Weekend at 5pm and 9am

October 29-30

Reformation Services at 5pm and 9am



GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

Gluten-free wafers are available as your communion host. Please express your wishes to Pastor Charlie as you take communion. A communion steward will present a ciborium chalice of gluten-free wafers for your communion. Wine and grape juice are also available.

CHILDREN'S ~ YOUTH CHOIR

Our newest singing group will have their first practice on **Sunday morning, September 11th at 8:15am in the Sunday School room.** They will sing at the 9am Sunday Service on September 25th during the Young People's Message. There is still time for your child to join this lively singing group. Contact Amanda Yingling at 717-880-5215 or email: mandymae1210@gmail.com

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS ~ OPEN DATES

Flowers on the altar each weekend offer a beauty to our worship services! Sponsorship dates for September are still available on the flower calendar in the office hallway. Choose an open date, sign your name on the line, take a sponsorship information sheet and provide the necessary information with your payment. Drop this information in the Worship & Music basket on the lamp table of the office. Consider splitting the cost of the vases with a family member or friend. **SIGN UP TODAY!**

Your payment and sponsorship information must be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved date to insure correct wording in the weekly bulletin.



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

ADULT CHOIR RECRUITMENT

Consider becoming a part of the Music Ministry of Immanuel by joining the Sunday Morning Adult Choir! Even if you cannot commit to weekly choir practices, but could help during a special festival service, such as Reformation Sunday, October 30th, Christmas Eve Services on Saturday, December 24th at 7 or 9pm or Easter Sunday, April 16th next year — there are many ways to join the Adult Choir!

Our Organist/Choir Director, Jerry Hoffman, will provide the various anthems and help you learn the music. Do not worry about the quality of your voice – everyone makes a *‘joyful noise to the Lord’!*

Following a well-deserved summer vacation, the **Adult Choir resumes weekly practices on Thursday, September 8th from 7-8 pm.** For more information, contact Jerry directly after any Sunday service.

SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

Available for your Home Bible Study
 Join us as we read through the month of September.

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Aug 29~Sept 4	Deut. 30:15-20	Psalm 1	Philemon 1:21	Luke 14:25-33
Sept 5~11	Exodus 32:7-14	Psalm 51:1-10	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Sept 12~18	Amos 8:4-7	Psalm 113	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
Sept 19~25	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	Psalm 146	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31
Sept 26~Oct 2	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Psalm 37:1-9	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10

JULY 2016
SATURDAY ~ SUNDAY
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

<u>July Dates</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
2-3	27 + 90 = 117	Red White & Blue Wkd
9-10	26 + 66 = 92	
16-17	23 + 74 = 97	
23-24	28 + 69 = 97	
30-31	18 + 59 = 77	Ps Marie, Supply Pastor
Weekend Totals 480		
Weekend Average 96		

**JULY ATTENDANCE
REVIEW**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Monthly Attendance</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>	
2009	585	146	4 Wknds
2010	602	151	4 Wknds
2011	749	150	5 Wknds
2012	694	139	5 Wknds
2013	545	136	4 Wknds
2014	385	96	4 Wknds
2015	369	92	4 Wknds
2016	480	96	5 Wknds



**BIRTHDAY and
ANNIVERSARY**

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Guthrie	Alice Downes	Debbie Hailey
Ashton Eckhardt	Carol Walder	Erik Adami
Dylan Lopata	Luke Campbell	Bobby Yingling
Kyle Robinson	Betty Miller	Dessie Ann Hann
Frank Burnette	Rachel Murphy	Bob Nicoll
Rob Chaney	Norman Downes	Mike Haddaway
Mia Wenzel	Milton Herman	Andy Kiler

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Delores Whitehead	September 13, 1957
Frank and Susan Burnette	September 14, 1974
Kevin and Cheryl Graf	September 16, 1989
Michael and Catherine Pearson	September 21, 2013
Brian and Stephanie Voight	September 21, 2013
Steve and Dawn Burris	September 29, 2001

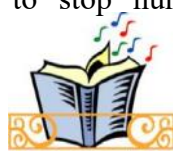
HOLY CROSS SUNDAY

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 Emperor 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 generations. Join your church family on September 11th at 9am.

HARVEST HOME

Our *Annual Harvest Home* will be observed during the weekend services of **September 24th and 25th**. During both services, the congregation is asked to participate in the Harvest Home '*Fill Our Baskets for NESAP*' by donating their canned and boxed food items. Remember to check each item for expiration dates. Monetary donations are also welcomed! Immanuel is always generous in its giving ~ PLEASE help us provide for those less fortunate and continue our support to stop hunger throughout Carroll County.

AN OLD-FASHIONED HYMN SING WEEKEND



On **October 8th and 9th**, our *Eighth Annual Old Fashioned Hymn Sing* will be held. During both weekend services, many familiar hymns will be sung throughout the worship service. The Luther Men will provide a special gospel medley at the Sunday service. Invite your family and friends to attend our Annual Hymn Sing and enjoy singing those long-loved hymns of yesteryear!

CHIME CHOIR

We are re-forming our Chime Choir this fall. A brief organizational meeting will be held on Thursday evening, September 8th at 6:30pm. If you are interested, please write your name on the sign up sheet on the back radiator. No experience is necessary. Any questions contact Audrey Moose, Director, at 410-429-4047.

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED

Immanuel's Altar Guild is recruiting new faces. Members are always needed to coordinate the '*behind-the-scenes*' setup and cleanup of communion at our Sunday services. Twenty minutes of your time before and after a service is all that is required with no experience necessary. Individuals or husband/wife teams are encouraged to join our guild. See any member of Immanuel's current Altar Guild with questions.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ALWAYS NEEDED....

Weekly worship assistant volunteers are always needed for each Saturday and Sunday Service. Many in the congregation continue to ask, "How does this work?" By checking off your interests on the **Worship Assistants' Form** (available at Church), you can volunteer *for as many or as few duties* as you wish and for as long as you wish. Each week, an email or phone message will be sent to remind you. Our weekend services can NEVER have TOO MANY VOLUNTEERS! Sign up now to volunteer your time and talent to your church. Contact Susan Burnette (sb31220@gmail.com) with any questions or place your completed questionnaire form to the W&M basket in the church office.

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 Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Jeanne Swain	Linda Black
Lector	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Fred Ayers	Luther Myers
Offering Ushers	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Judy Bixler Jeanne Swain	Linda Black Judy Bixler
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	Debbie Hebrank	Jamie Rooney
Altar Guild	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer	Ellen Linsenbardt Audrey Shaffer
Greeters	Linda Gregg Bart Walder	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 Audrey Shaffer	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Wendy Maloney Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Ernest Weiss
Communion	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Sandy Voight	Susan Burnette Maripat Luntz Denise Rickell Audrey Shaffer	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Joe Fleck Bart Walder
Acolytes	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Jared Patterson Justin Patterson	Reese Harden Winston Harden	Ashton Eckhardt Willis Kiler
Crucifer	-----	Pete Wulforst	-----	-----
Pray w/ Pastor	Christine Crouch	Bob Nicoll	Denise Rickell	Connie Dattilio
Bell Ringer	Frank Burnette	Bart Walder	Ernest Weiss	Brian Kremen

October 2016 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday October 1	Saturday October 8 Hymn Sing	Saturday October 15 St Luke, Evangelist	Saturday October 22	Saturday October 29 Reformation
Head Usher	Linda Black	Linda Black	Linda Black	Linda Black	Linda Black
Greeter	Janis Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Mary Ayers	Janis Hagert
Lector	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Fred Ayers	Luther Myers	Judy Bixler
Offering Ushers	Janis Hagert Rogers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Linda Black Fred Ayers	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert
Communion	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Fred Ayers	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday October 2	Sunday October 9 Hymn Sing	Sunday October 16 St Luke, Evangelist	Sunday October 23	Sunday October 30 Reformation
Head Usher	Brooks Hoffman	Brooks Hoffman	Brooks Hoffman	Brooks Hoffman	Brooks Hoffman
Altar Guild	Susan Burnette Wendy Maloney	Susan Burnette Wendy Maloney	Susan Burnette Wendy Maloney	Susan Burnette Wendy Maloney	Susan Burnette Wendy Maloney
Greeters	Dawn Burris Steve Burris	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Tony Mancuso Pam Newton	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Todd Robinson	Russell Jensen	Denise Rickell	Carolyn Hamlet	Lindsay Lopata
Offering Ushers	Barbara Guthrie Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt Audrey Shaffer	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wufforst	Jennifer Edwards Ernest Weiss Barb Yingling Gene Yingling	Jeremy Edwards Todd Robinson Barb Skelley Bill Skelley
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank	Susan Burnette Maripat Luntz Tony Mancuso Bart Walder	Christine Crouch Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips John Popp	Susan Burnette Joe Fleck Wendy Maloney Audrey Shaffer	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Denise Rickell Sandy Voight
Acolytes	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Corey Haifley Madison Pittinger	Reese Harden Winston Harden	Jared Patterson Justin Patterson	Tanner Eckhardt Willis Kiler
Crucifer	-----	-----	-----	-----	Ashton Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Christine Crouch	Bob Nicoll	Denise Rickell	Connie Dattilio	Christine Crouch
Bell Ringer	Joe Fleck	Gene Yingling	Frank Burnette	Bart Walder	Ernest Weiss

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



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NAME OF CHILD _____
First Last

SEX _____
M/F

DATE OF BIRTH OF CHILD _____
Month Day Year

GRADE _____
As of September 2016

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____
First Last

Relationship _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____
First Last

Relationship _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____
OK to Text? _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (During Sunday School)

NAME _____
First Last Phone Relationship

PLEASE LIST ANY ALLERGIES AND/OR DISABILITIES OF WHICH WE SHOULD BE AWARE

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR CHILD

PARENT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

I am willing to help in the following area(s):

____ Substitute _____ Group Leader _____ Workshop Leader _____ Snack Helper
____ Class Helper _____ Help w/special activities _____ Other (specify) _____

____ I am available Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour

I grant to IELC, the right to take photographs of me and my family in connection with Sunday School 2016-2017. I authorize IELC, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically. I agree that IELC may use such photographs with or without names and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content. I have read and understand the above:

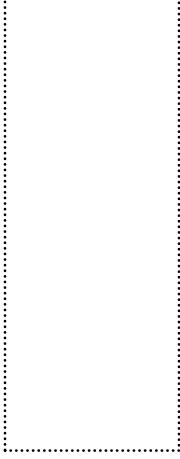
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