



# The VISITOR

Monthly Newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a summer it has been at Immanuel Lutheran Church!

We had one of our best Vacation Bible Schools ever.

We hosted and fully embraced a new ministry partnership with the Manchester community: Kids Feeding Kids, where youth volunteers from the community prepared and served lunch each weekday for needy children and family members from the community.

Our Mutual Ministry committee conducted a congregational survey as a way of listening to the congregation covering a wide range of issues, and hosted a brunch and brainstorming session to begin to identify where we go from here.

Two keys to the future of Immanuel emerged from the survey: communication and involvement. Guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, this is how I see us moving forward:

We will deepen and expand external communication between the congregation and the community, and internal communication between pastor and church members and among church members. All these lines of communication must be two-way. We will find as many ways as possible to get God's message out to all segments of the community and to listen to all the voices in our community, including our Spanish speaking neighbors. We will do the same with segments of the congregation, making sure that all voices are heard and that everyone is kept "in the loop" with what the Holy Spirit is doing, so that no one is excluded and all are valued.

We will encourage all members to be fully involved in the life and mission of Immanuel. Rather than focusing on finding people to fill open positions, we will focus on helping people to find opportunities to serve according to the ways God has specially gifted them, and support them in their work.

Work has already begun in these key areas, some of which you will read about elsewhere in this newsletter. Much work needs to be done. In fact, the work of improving communication and involvement will never be finished, because the Holy Spirit is never finished with us! Yours in the Love of Christ,

*~Pastor Charlie*

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# PASTOR CHARLIE'S SEPTEMBER BIBLE CHALLENGE— GOD'S PLAYLIST: PSALMS 1 – 60

The book of Psalms is the songbook of God's people. During September we will read selections from the first 60 songs on "God's Playlist" and reflect together on how God is speaking to us today through them. 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 private group, or if you would like to receive copies via email of the comments he posts there each day.

9/1	Psalm 1	9/11	Psalm 20	9/21	Psalm 40
9/2	Psalm 3	9/12	Psalm 22	9/22	Psalm 42
9/3	Psalm 6	9/13	Psalm 23	9/23	Psalm 45
9/4	Psalm 8	9/14	Psalm 24	9/24	Psalm 46
9/5	Psalm 11	9/15	Psalm 25	9/25	Psalm 48
9/6	Psalm 13	9/16	Psalm 27	9/26	Psalm 50
9/7	Psalm 15	9/17	Psalm 30	9/27	Psalm 51
9/8	Psalm 16	9/18	Psalm 32	9/28	Psalm 53
9/9	Psalm 18:1-20	9/19	Psalm 34	9/29	Psalm 57
9/10	Psalm 19	9/20	Psalm 37:1-17	9/30	Psalm 60

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## 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.

## 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.



## WANTED

A local family is in need of bunk beds. If you or someone you know can donate, then call the Church Office. Thank you!

## MARTIN LUTHER EXHIBIT

The Walter's Art Museum in Baltimore has an exhibit on display from now through the end of October titled, "*Uncertain Times: Martin Luther's Remedies for the Soul*". The exhibit focuses on the ways in which Martin Luther comforted the distressed souls of his contemporaries by approaching them as a father, a husband and a friend, rather than as a priest or theologian. (DE/MD Synod E-Letter, August 15,2017)

## ST MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SNYDESBURG

Community Fall Bazaar/ Yard Sale on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 2pm. For more information contact Diane Aberts at 410-239-1891 or [dfaberts@gmail.com](mailto:dfaberts@gmail.com) or Bev Martin at 410-374-6519 or [bamedd40@gmail.com](mailto:bamedd40@gmail.com).

## ST PAUL'S CHURCH FIRST PAINT NITE!!

Please join us for a fun filled evening of painting, specials, door prizes and food.

Friday, October 6 at Arcadia Fire Hall Activities Building (16020 Carnival Ave, Upperco, 21155). Doors open at 5:30 and painting begins at 7pm.



\*\*NESAP Collection – Bring a non-perishable food or health care item for donation and be entered into a special drawing!

## KIDS FEEDING KIDS UPDATE

Kids Feeding Kids had a great summer! Our dedicated group of youth and adult volunteers from the community under the leadership of Sharon Bonner were able to feed children in need (and some of their family members) at Immanuel this summer thanks to generous donations of food, money and time, along with prayer support, from many at Immanuel and from the community! The Action Grant from Thrivent Financial helped put us over the top. God indeed provides! If you helped in any way with Kids Feeding Kids this summer: thank you, thank you, thank you! We will keep you posted on plans for the summer of 2018.

Celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation!

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Oktoberfest**

September 23, 2017  
2 - 6pm

- \* German Music \*
- \* German Food \* \*
- German Beer \*

Craft Market and raffles to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County.

38 W. Baltimore Street  
Taneytown, MD 21787

[www.trinitytaneytown.org](http://www.trinitytaneytown.org)  
<http://bit.ly/TrinityOktoberfest>

410-756-6626  
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# CARROLL COUNTY



# REFORMATION 2017

**OCTOBER 29, 2017 @ 3:30pm**

**Big Baker Chapel  
McDaniel College**

Join us for a festival worship opportunity as we commemorate the significant anniversary of a church that is always reforming.

Our guest preacher will be The Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg, Steck-Miller Professor of Worship and Dean of the Chapel on the Gettysburg Campus of United Lutheran Seminary (a reforming effort to train church leaders).

There will be a festival choir as we celebrate our mutual work within the Kingdom of God. Our offering will support the work of Carroll Lutheran School.

Following worship there will be the opportunity to go to one of many restaurants to raise money for Shepherd Staff, NESAP, and Caring and Sharing Ministries.

Please join us!

**Freed & RENEWED**  
**in Christ** 500  
YEARS OF GOD'S  
GRACE IN ACTION

**Church & Village: Partners in Ministry**  
**September 2017**



**Plan Now for Youth Volunteer Opportunities**

Youth volunteers are welcome at Carroll Lutheran Village! Now is the time for students to think about fall volunteer positions to get required service hours. All student volunteers must complete an application and orientation session. Applications are available online at [www.clvillage.org/volunteer](http://www.clvillage.org/volunteer). Contact volunteer coordinator Pamela Malkin at 443-605-1011 or [pmalkin@clvillage.org](mailto:pmalkin@clvillage.org) with questions.

Some upcoming courses are listed below. A complete list of Lifelong Learning options is available at [www.clvillage.org/lifelong-learning](http://www.clvillage.org/lifelong-learning).

**Register Now for Fall Lifelong Learning Opportunities**

Courses are open to all older adults in the community. Come join us!

***Mindfulness Meditation*** –

Class meets Fridays **Sept 1 through Oct 13** from 11am to 12pm.  
Cost is \$30.

***Chair Yoga*** –

Gentle seated motions. Class meets Fridays, **Sept 8 through Oct 27** from 2pm to 3pm. Cost is \$40.

***Zentangle Art*** –

Zentangle is an easy way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns called tangles. Class meets Wednesdays, **Sept 13, Oct 11 and Nov 8** from 1pm to 3pm. Cost is \$35 per session.

***Drawing & Painting*** –

Techniques for beginners through advanced. Class meets Tuesdays **Sept 19 through Nov 21** from 9:30am to 12pm. Cost is \$55.

***Swimming Lessons*** –

Learn the basics for all types of strokes. Class meets Fridays **Sept 22 through Oct 27** from 11am to 11:30am. Cost is \$35.

***The Art of Pottery*** –

Learn how to construct small ceramic pots. Class meets Wednesdays, **Sept 27 through Nov 15** from 1pm to 4pm. Cost is \$60.

***Healing from Indian & Tibetan Traditions*** –

Gain insight into powerful ancient healing techniques. Class meets Thursdays, **Sept 28 through Oct 19** from 12:30pm to 3pm.  
Cost is \$60.

Please register for all courses in advance at 443-605-1070 or [registration@clvillage.org](mailto:registration@clvillage.org).

## PRINCESS PILLOWCASE PROJECT



When I started to put together all of the statistics for this year, I was once again astounded at the numbers. A total of 3,259 dresses have been given to our missionaries for distribution throughout the world. In addition, 549 pair of shorts have been distributed throughout the countries listed below.

It's nearly impossible to thank all the individuals and groups who have contributed to this success. This year we have increased our North Carroll Senior Center workshops to twice a month, South Carroll Senior Center, under the direction of Karen Larrimore meets once a month and Patty Mattoon of Let's Dress The Girls practically has a revolving door at her home where they meet. Also Patty has helped a new group get started in the Westminster area under the name of Sew 2 Sow. It's a great community that we have been blessed with through this project.

Thanks to all the individuals who sew at home, those who have been with us for a long time and the newcomers as well. Every single dress or pair of shorts that are made means a lot to a child who has little or nothing. Thanks to all the missionaries who deliver our clothing, to all those who help with organizing, cutting, ironing, making kits and all the other jobs necessary to keep the project growing. Thanks to those who have made new connections for us, to everyone who has donated supplies and those who keep our work in their prayers. May you be blessed for your support. Here's where all our dresses, and shorts, have gone:

758-Nicaragua, 400-Honduras, 50-Africa, 230-Haiti, 200-DR  
Sent by Patty's Group:

172-Haiti/DR, 150-Mexico, 90-Kenya, 500-Uganda Refugee Camp,  
180-Jamaica, 135-Rwanda, 100-Ecuador, 227-Philippines, 27-Sells AZ,  
33-Costa Rica, 150-Knoxville, TN, 730-Bulgaria, 57-Nicaragua

Our current totals since our beginning in September of 2010 are: 18,485 dresses and 4,415 pair of shorts. We are definitely making a difference in the world! In addition to clothing, hundreds of toiletry kits and sewing kits have been taken by our missionaries as well. These are very much appreciated.

I'm excited to think of what we have yet to accomplish. I will not be surprised at all if we reach 20,000 dresses by the end of the year. I thank all of you for your tireless efforts in making the Princess Pillowcase Project the success it has become. ~Love and blessings, June

\*\*\*\* As of September, workshop days at North Carroll Senior Center will now be the 2<sup>nd</sup> FRIDAY and 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY. September workshop dates are **Friday, September 8** and **Wednesday, September 27**. Put these dates on your calendar and join us! \*\*\*\*



# 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

We will have a Coffee Hour on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We always have lots of delicious baked goods. So come down to the Social Hall and relax with coffee and conversation about kids going back to school and what you did this summer with them. Also what you will do with all the extra time since they will be back in school.

## 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 the Park!

It is always a great time. Remember last years bingo, games and the father/son pie eating contest?! So come and enjoy.

***Signup in the back of Sanctuary and Sunday School Auditorium.***

Last names beginning with A – M, please bring a dessert.

Last names beginning with N – Z, please bring a side dish.

## COMMUNITY YARD SALE EVENT

A yard sale will be held at Immanuel on September 16<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 2pm. We only have a few spots left for the yard sale, contact us ASAP if you are interested. \$20 (we provide table) and \$15 (bring your own table).

***Flyer on next page.***

**\*\*Remember to invite your family and neighbors to this event!**

## BLACK FRIDAY

The Fellowship committee is looking for individuals to help plan a Black Friday community shopping event after the lighting of the town tree. If you would like to volunteer please contact Jamie Rooney at [jamielr126@gmail.com](mailto:jamielr126@gmail.com) or 443-536-3541.

Manchester  
**COMMUNITY**  
Event



**Saturday, Sept 16**  
**8am - 2pm**

**\*The Shred Mill Truck\***  
(12 to 2)

**\*Yard & Crafts Sale\***

**\*Kids Activities\***

**\*Live Music\***

**\*Vendors\***

**\*Food & Drinks\***

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

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Manchester MD 21102  
410-374-4463

and

**Trinity UCC**

3229 York St  
Manchester MD 21102  
410-374-2727



# STEPHEN MINISTRY

Leaders: Bob Nicoll, Connie Dattilio

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

An important part of the process of providing an effective support outreach to those in our church and community who are “in need” is that of Referrals.

There are a number of ways in which our Stephen Ministry Team is made aware of an individual who is going through a difficult time, and may benefit from the assignment of a confidential caregiver:

Through the Pastor and his visitation with our congregants. He meets with our Stephen Ministers on a regular basis.

Through referrals that come from the KIT Committee and their visits.

Through the network of our Stephen Ministers who are always vigilant for those potentially in need of a support relationship.

Through you, our congregation, who are most often on the front lines with an individual or family experiencing a difficult life issue.

There are times within our Stephen Ministry organization when we do not have enough Ministers to serve in the needed caregiving relationships. But at this time we do have the capacity to help any new individuals in need. Please help us in the referral process. You can contact any of our team or the Pastor, and we will evaluate the need and make a caregiver assignment as appropriate.

## **STEWARDSHIP: COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!**

We are beginning to plan for our fall Stewardship Campaign, “The Great Permission.” This will be a new way of doing stewardship: moving from need-based to asset-based. Instead of focusing on our needs and trying to motivate one another to give more generously to meet those needs (with the likelihood that our needs will greatly exceed our giving), we will focus on our assets – all that God has blessed us with – and consider how we can combine those assets in creative ways to accomplish God’s mission. In the words of the gospel hymn written by Johnson Oatman Jr in 1897:

Count your blessings, name them one by one,

Count your many blessings, see what God has done!

More details to follow in the October Visitor.

## THANKS

Dear Immanuel congregation,

Thank you for all the good wishes, cards, and especially prayers during my recent surgery and post-operation recovery. I was fortunate to have a very good surgeon and a supportive family to give quality care. I am now having six weeks of chemo and hope to complete treatment by August 31.

This 4 week span has been the longest absence from playing in church for over eleven years (eight here at Immanuel). I was touched by your response to “Amazing Grace” and feel blessed having you as my Church family.

Thanks to Pastor Charlie for being there on his day off to offer prayers before surgery. Thanks also to Craig Nickerson and Ben Starr for providing organ supply and Beth Hannon and Tyler Ewing for playing at the Saturday services.

Hopefully, I can look forward to a great musical year for this 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary year for Lutheranism. Lastly, you can make a great contribution to our efforts by singing with us in this anniversary year. Choir resumes September 16, Thursdays at 7pm.

Thank you. ~Jerry

## BAPTISM

9am Service – August 13, 2017

**Landon Michael Perrier**

Son of Jonathan Perrier and Amber Yingling

Sponsored by: Ashlee Nath and James Perrier

## DEATHS

Father of Debbie Miller

**David L. Honeycutt Sr**

October 12, 1937 – July 27, 2017

# 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 July. The Administration team continues to receive positive feedback. The members of Immanuel truly enjoy and appreciate the KIT ministry visitations. During the month of July, 4 visitations were made, and 1 telephone conversation took place. 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

Thank you to everyone that was kind enough to take one of our 15 backpacks and fill them. Each family was very appreciative and expressed how generous it was of Immanuel to help send their children back to school with the supplies they needed.

As always, the Social Ministry Committee would like to thank you—the congregation—for all your help and generosity. Without you we would not be able to do what we do ... **THANK YOU!!**

**NESAP/TOFF** is in need of Applesauce. NESAP/TOFF's clients also are in need of Dish Detergent (which can not be purchased with Food Stamps), so please consider donating a bottle of Dish Detergent also. The Dollar Store sells both items.



Place donations in labeled baskets in the Narthex.

Also still collecting brown paper bags, like those from Miller's Market.

# 2016 COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Vice President: John Gregg, 410-599-3091

Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

## NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented at the August meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

Kids Feeding Kids has been very successful. On the average day, 25 meals are served to children of the community. In addition to feeding their bellies, the project is feeding their spiritual appetite. This is the first time many of the children have been inside a church. The project will end Friday, September 1, 2017.

The Mutual Ministry survey has been completed, the results tallied and the information was presented to the congregation on August 13 and 14. If you missed these presentations, the information is available on Immanuel's web page or a hard copy can be requested through the Mutual Ministry committee.

LEAD—A team has not yet been formed. To participate in Cohort 3, Immanuel needs a team by mid September. Please prayerfully consider this activity, if you are approached by Chris Crouch or Pastor Charlie.

Rekeying Immanuel is ready to begin. The project is being coordinated with Property and Steve Burris. Keys distributed will be tracked to maintain a tight control.

500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of our Lutheran Heritage is scheduled for October. Immanuel will focus on Worship/Celebration, Learning and Service. Council is considering 1. A movie night showing the movie Luther will be held. 2. October 29 worship service would feature all of Immanuel's musical groups. 3. Donating 500 bibles to areas where the bible is not available. Hosting a German dinner in the Social Hall and encouraging members to attend the celebration at McDaniel College at 3 pm on October 29. Also the youth will create a banner to be displayed at the college celebration.

The American Red Cross has agreed to use our facility, if needed, as a shelter during the event of a disaster in the area.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Along with the Church Picnic, we will celebrate the beginning of the 2017-18 Sunday School year at Christmas Tree Park on September 10<sup>th</sup>. See Fellowship Committee page for more information.



## 2017 – 2018 Sunday School

### Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Manchester, Maryland 21102  
410-374-4463 Info@ielcmd.org  
www.IELCMD.org

\* You do not have to be a member of Immanuel \*

NAME OF CHILD \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

SEX \_\_\_\_\_  
M/F

DATE OF BIRTH OF CHILD \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
As of September 2017

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:

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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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





# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Missions Special Offering <b>9am Worship / Comm</b> 10:15am Coffee Hour 10:30am Adult Bible Study	4 Office Closed 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	5 7pm Scouts	6 7:15pm AA	7 Pastor Retreat (Day)	1 Pastor Day Off 12-2pm Kids Feeding Kids 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	2 Missions Special Offering <b>5pm Worship / Comm</b> 6:30pm AA
10 <b>9am Worship / Comm</b> 10:30am Adult Bible Study Church Picnic and SS Rally Day at Christmas Tree Park #3	11 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	12 7pm Church Council Mtg 7pm Scouts	13 7:15pm AA	14 6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	8 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	9 <b>5pm Worship / Comm</b> 6:30pm AA
17 Holy Cross Sunday <b>9am Worship / Comm</b> 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study	18 9am Work Day 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	19 7pm Scouts	20 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:15pm AA	21 6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	15 Social Hall Reserved Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	16 Community Yard Sale <b>5pm Worship / Comm</b> 6:30pm AA
24 <b>9am Worship / Comm</b> 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study	25 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	26 7pm Scouts	27 7:15pm AA	28 6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	22 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	23 <b>5pm Worship / Comm</b> 6:30pm AA
					29 Social Hall Reserved Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	30 <b>5pm Worship / Comm</b> 6:30pm AA

# MUTUAL MINISTRY

Chair: Bob Nicoll

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

On the weekend of August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> our committee had the opportunity to share a PowerPoint presentation with our worshippers showing a summary of the church survey conducted earlier this spring.



On Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> those in attendance at church were treated to a delicious buffet preceding the presentation. Thanks to Audrey Shaffer for organizing and serving the brunch.

All of the costs for the survey fees from Hartford Institute and the brunch were covered through Thrivent Action Team seed monies and anonymous donors.

The survey results highlighted that we are generally well satisfied with “the life of the church” and our new Pastor. There were many things to “celebrate” as well as some areas in which we can do better. Those worshippers in attendance at the brunch were given assignments to “Brainstorm” ways to celebrate our strengths and address our opportunities for improvement. We are reviewing these recommendations now.

This next phase of our activity must fully engage our congregants and Church Council, and we will provide ongoing reports of our progress.

# MISSIONS

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

September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will collect a Special Offering for Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, is the world's largest Christmas outreach of its kind. Every shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ!

After receiving shoebox gifts, children also receive The Greatest Gift, a storybook that shares the message of salvation. With the Apostle John as narrator, the booklet shares 11 Scripture stories and invites children to follow Christ. Children take this home to share with family and friends. It is used in more than 80 languages.

The Sunday School students will be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child in early November. Boxes will be delivered to children in need around the world. Last year, a child from Kenya received a box from Immanuel!

We are collecting the following items during the months of September and October:



- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Bars of soap  | Wash cloths      |
| Hair ties   | Combs            |
| Toothbrushes  | Packs of crayons |
| Activity/coloring books                                       | Packs of Pencils |
| Small toy/stuffed animal<br>(no liquids or war related items) |                  |

All these items can be found in the dollar section at Carroll Drugs Pharmacy in Manchester. Please place donations in the Operation Christmas Child boxes outside of the sanctuary. Remember, we cannot pack food, liquid, or any war related items. And as of 2017, toothpaste cannot be included.

*Last year we packed 38 shoeboxes.  
Our goal is to beat that number this year!!*

If you have any questions please contact Matthew or Jamie Rooney at 443-536-3541 or [jamielr126@gmail.com](mailto:jamielr126@gmail.com).

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

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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

**Sept 14** Chime Choir resume weekly practices at 6pm  
Adult Choir resume weekly practices at 7pm

**Sept 17 Holy Cross Sunday** ~ wear RED

**Sept 23-24** Decorate Sanctuary for *Harvest Home*-10am Saturday  
*Harvest Home* Weekend Services at 5pm and 9am  
'*Fill-Our-Baskets*' Food Drive: canned/boxed items

**Oct 7-8** Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing Weekend at 5pm and 9am

**Oct 28-29 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation** at 5pm and 9am  
**Westminster Conference**  
**Reformation Festival Celebration Service** ~  
McDaniel College, Big Baker Chapel at 3:30pm

**SEPTEMBER  
ALTAR GUILD**  
Ellen Linsenbardt  
Audrey Shaffer

**SEPTEMBER  
HEAD USHERS**  
Saturdays at 5pm  
Jennifer Edwards  
Sundays at 9am  
Jamie Rooney

## SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

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

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
August 28~Sept 3	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Psalm 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
September 4-10	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Psalm 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
September 11-17 Holy Cross Sunday	Genesis 50:15-21	Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
September 18-24 Harvest Home	Jonah 3:10 ~ 4:11	Psalm 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
Sept. 25~Oct 1	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Psalm 25:1-9	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32

## 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 **SEPTEMBER**.

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



### **SEPTEMBER OPEN DATES REMAIN:**

Sept 2-3 Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement

Sept 9-10 Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers

Sept 16-17 Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers  
(Holy Cross Sunday)

Sept 23-24 Altar Vases  
(Harvest Home)

Sept 30-Oct 1 Altar Vases ~ Lessons & Prayers



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

### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Barbara Guthrie  
Ashton Eckhardt  
Kyle Robinson  
Frank Burnette  
Mia Wenzel  
Alice Downes  
Carol Walder

Luke Campbell  
Betty Miller  
Rachel Murphy  
Norman Downes  
Milton Herman  
Debbie Hailey  
Erik Adami

Bobby Yingling  
Dessie Ann Hann  
Bob Nicoll  
Mike Haddaway  
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

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

Immanuel's Altar Guild is looking for new members to serve on the guild for one or two months of Sundays during the year. We are very flexible!!! 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. Try something new for 2018... volunteer for Altar Guild! Thank you.

### **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 **Festival of the Holy Cross** originated with the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection in 335 AD. 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 the 9am service to celebrate the **Festival of the Holy Cross by wearing something RED**!

### **HARVEST HOME 2017**

Our **Annual Harvest Home** will be observed during the weekend services of **September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**. During both services, the congregation is asked to participate in the Harvest Home '*Fill Our Baskets*' for NESAP's Food Pantry by donating as many canned and boxed food items as you can! Families in our community NEVER decrease in their attempt to feed their families during each week of the year. Next time you cannot decide what to serve your family for breakfast, lunch and supper... please remember those families who DO NOT have enough or NO food to serve on their table. Monetary donations are always welcomed! Immanuel has always been generous in their giving during *Harvest Home* ~ **PLEASE** help us provide for those less fortunate, then ourselves, and continue our support our effort to stop hunger throughout Carroll County.

### **AN OLD-FASHIONED HYMN SING WEEKEND**

Our **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing** will be held during the weekend services of **October 7-8**. During the services, many familiar hymns will be sung. The Luther Men will provide special music at the Sunday Service. Please invite your family and friends to attend and enjoy hearing and singing those long-loved songs of yesteryear!



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ALWAYS NEEDED...

It's that time of year to again ask for your volunteer help as a **worship assistant** during our **Saturday Evening Service at 5pm OR our Sunday Morning Service at 9am**. "How does this work?" By checking off your interests on the Worship Assistants' Form (found on the last page), you can volunteer *for as many or as few duties as you wish* and *for as long as you wish*. By volunteering for Immanuel, an email or phone message is sent early each week of your duty responsibility. Our weekend services can NEVER have TOO MANY VOLUNTEERS! Please consider volunteering your time at the service of your family's choice. Place your completed questionnaire form to the Music and Worship basket in the church office OR contact Susan Burnette (sb31220@gmail.com) or in person with your questions.

### September 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday September 2	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	Jen Edwards
<b>Greeter</b>	Jeanne Swain	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Linda Black	Judy Bixler
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain	Luther Myers	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Jen Edwards Jeanne Swain	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Judy Bixler Linda Black	Linda Black Jen Edwards
<b>Communion</b>	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler	Jen Edwards	Jeanne Swain

~ 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	Brian Kremen	Ernest Weiss	Joe Fleck

# October 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday October 7 Hymn Sing	Saturday October 14	Saturday October 21	Saturday October 28 500 <sup>th</sup> Reformation
<b>Head Usher</b>	Rodgers Hagert	Rodgers Hagert	Rodgers Hagert	Rodgers Hagert
<b>Greeter</b>	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Linda Black	Barb Davidson
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Black	Luther Myers	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Linda Black Rodgers Hagert	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson
<b>Communion</b>	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler	Judy Bixler

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday October 1	Sunday October 8 Hymn Sing	Sunday October 15	Sunday October 22	Sunday October 22 500 <sup>th</sup> Reformation
<b>Head Usher</b>	Todd Robinson	Todd Robinson	Todd Robinson	Todd Robinson	Todd Robinson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight	Wendy Maloney Sandy Voight
<b>Greeters</b>	Carolyn Kittelberger Betty Miller	Linda Gregg John Popp	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Betty Miller Kathleen Regester	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Pete Wulforst	Bob Nicoll	Christine Crouch	John Gregg	Jordan Bosnick
<b>Offering Ushers</b>	Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Jennifer Edwards Jamie Rooney Barb Yingling Gene Yingling	Barbara Guthrie Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Ernest Weiss
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Wendy Maloney Audrey Shaffer	Susan Burnette Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Rhonda Kiler	Susan Burnette Jeremy Edwards Jo Fleck Joe Fleck	Susan Burnette Christine Crouch Andy Kiler Barb Yingling	Susan Burnette Chris Crouch Audrey Shaffer Sandy Voight
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<b>Crucifer</b>	-----	-----	-----	-----	Pete Wulforst
<b>Pray w/ Pastor</b>	Bob Nicoll	Connie Dattilio	Christine Crouch	Bob Nicoll	Chris Crouch
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Gene Yingling	Bart Walder	Frank Burnette	Ernest Weiss	Brian Kremen

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



### HOW CAN I HELP?

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

Thank you for your important participation in our worship service!

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Saturday service at 5pm**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sunday service at 9am**

### I (We) wish to help:

(check those items you wish to volunteer as)

ALTAR GUILD \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sundays)

OFFERING USHER \_\_\_\_\_

HARVEST HOME \_\_\_\_\_  
(4<sup>th</sup> Sat/Sun of September)

GREETER \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNION \_\_\_\_\_

HANGING of the GREENS \_\_\_\_\_  
(1<sup>st</sup> Sat of December - decorate)  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of January - undecorate)

HEAD USHER \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sat and/or Sun)

LECTOR \_\_\_\_\_

ACOLYTE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sundays only)

BELL RINGER \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sundays only)

PRAY w/ PASTOR \_\_\_\_\_

CRUCIFER \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sundays only)

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### Schedule Me (us):

\_\_\_\_\_ once / month

\_\_\_\_\_ 1-2 times / month

\_\_\_\_\_ as needed / month

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Vacations or Times Not Available: \_\_\_\_\_

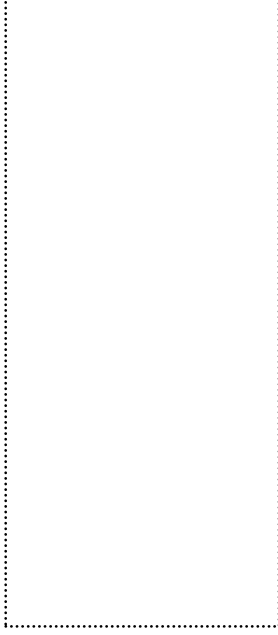
Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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