

The VISITOR

Monthly Newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One word has been on my heart lately: Leadership!

In the summer of 2017 and in the spring of 2018, we conducted two different surveys of the congregation. The first was designed by our Mutual Ministry committee and the second was the LEAD congregational assessment, the results of which our LEAD team will be presenting in a variety of ways this fall. Both surveys indicate that one of our greatest challenges as a congregation is leadership – especially raising up new leadership in every area of congregational life. Our most urgent challenge is to bring fresh energy and new perspectives to our Church Council. We want to bring new council members on board who will help us work with our LEAD Team to help the whole congregation grow closer to God and to each other, and to reach out in new and exciting ways to address the real needs and opportunities in the neighborhood around us in partnership with our neighbors.

God has richly blessed our congregation and given us everything we need to grow in spirit, in mission and in numbers. The LEAD process in which we are engaged will help us to identify and claim God's gifts and put them to use to make a real and lasting difference in the Manchester community which we have served for 258 years. Our best years are before us, not behind us, if we are willing to listen closely to what God is saying to us and act decisively on what God shows us.

We make this appeal every year, but this year it is more important than ever to pray with all our hearts for God to raise up new leadership for Immanuel and to expect God to do it! As you pray, see if the Spirit gives you a nudge in that direction, or perhaps puts someone you know on your heart as a potential new leader.

If you are willing to consider serving on Immanuel's leadership team as a council member, or if you have one or more names to put forward, please contact Council President Brenda Wulforst (443-507-6753) or any council member, or call the church office. Thank you! Have a blessed September!

~Pastor Charlie Marshall

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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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 – 11:15am. 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!

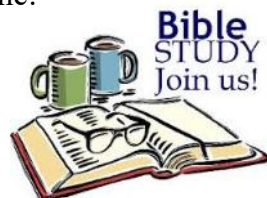
Sept 2: Mark 7:24-37

Sept 9: Church Picnic

Sept 16: Mark 9:30-37

Sept 23: Mark 9:38-50

Sept 30: Mark 10:2-16



MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:

THE BIBLE & THE AFTERLIFE

What happens when we die? Beginning Sept 11, our midweek groups will be exploring Bible passages that help answer this perennial question. We will learn how the understanding of the afterlife developed from ancient Israel to the New Testament Church. Everyone is welcome.

Morning Group will meet in the Oak Tree Room

on Tuesdays Sept 11, 18 & 25 at 11am.

Evening Group will meet at the Pastor's home, (840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158) on Wed Sept.12 and Tuesday Sept 18 & 25 at 7pm.

CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16:

"Confirmation Class" is the name we give to a two-year faith journey, typically beginning in the fall of 7th grade and culminating with the rite of Confirmation in the spring of 8th grade. Older students up to 11th grade are also welcome to begin this fall. This journey is designed to provide a full immersion in the life of the Lutheran Church as one expression of the Christian faith. This year, students will learn about the history, teachings and traditions of Lutheranism, using Martin Luther's Small Catechism as a basis. The following year they will explore the Old and New Testaments. Students are also expected to attend weekly worship, Sunday School and youth activities, to participate in other church activities and to engage in service to others in the congregation and in the neighborhood.

Our first session will be held Sunday evening, Sept. 16 in the Oak Tree Room at 6:30pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Charlie as soon as possible. Once our group for the journey is formed, we will determine a meeting schedule that works best for those involved.

DEATHS

Burnell Barnhart, father of Iva Martin
Burnell Grogg, father of Carolyn Phillips
Vince Shipley, friend of Randy Dell
Claude Gregory, Dana Schaefer Kline's uncle

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING

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

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.

MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP



Rev. Wal Reat is our ELCA Global Missionary. 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.

PRAYER LISTS

There are two opportunities to request you or your loved ones be included in prayer. On the last page of the church bulletin, we print the names of individuals needing prayer. Also, there is a group of ladies, who will include you or your loved one in their daily personal prayers.

Please call Immanuel's church office to request either one or both of the two opportunities. Names typically remain on the church's printed list for about four weeks. If needed, you should call the office to have the name remain or to place the individual back on our prayer list.



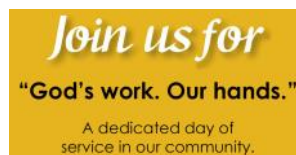
GODS WORK. OUR HANDS.

We are excited to share that Immanuel's Little Free Pantry will be installed on September 9th. Please join us for a special ribbon-cutting ceremony immediately following the 9am worship service.

Makenzie Greenwood of Hampstead started Hampstead's Little Free Pantry. She received a substantial gift from the Baltimore Orioles in the Spring and decided to offer that money to other churches and organizations who would like to start their own Little Free Pantry. Immanuel was the first recipient of the grant!

Connor Vogelsang, member of Boy Scout Troop 320, decided to take the construction of the pantry as his Eagle Scout project. The pantry will be maintained by the Sunday school students. We will be looking for donations of canned goods and paper products to stock the pantry. These items can be added to the pantry at any time throughout the year.

We are excited to provide this new service to the Manchester community.



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is September 9. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

PASTOR CHARLIE'S SEPTEMBER BIBLE CHALLENGE: WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WE DIE?

Our September Bible Challenge will parallel our midweek Bible study for this fall on the Bible and the afterlife. The online Bible Study continues with daily comments from Pastor Charlie on Facebook. Email pastorc@ielcmd.org to join this private group, or if you would like to receive copies via email of the comments he posts there for each day.

9/1	Genesis 2:7-9,16-17	9/12	Genesis 5:21-24	9/23	2 Corinthians 5:1-9
9/2	Genesis 3:17-19	9/13	2 Kings 2:1-12	9/24	John 11:21-27
9/3	Ecclesiastes 9:5-6	9/14	1 Peter 3:18-22	9/25	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
9/4	Job 14:7-12	9/15	Revelation 1:17-18	9/26	Luke 16:19-31
9/5	Psalms 88:1-5	9/16	Isaiah 25:6-8	9/27	Romans 2:5-11
9/6	Psalms 88:10-12	9/17	Isaiah 26:14-19	9/28	2 Thessalonians 1:6-10
9/7	Isaiah 14:9-11	9/18	Ezekiel 37:1-6	9/29	Revelation 20:11-15
9/8	Isaiah 14:12-15	9/19	Ezekiel 37:7-14	9/30	Revelation 21:1-8
9/9	Psalms 116:3-9	9/20	Luke 20:27-38		
9/10	1 Samuel 28:1-11	9/21	Romans 14:7-9		
9/11	1 Samuel 28:12-19	9/22	1 Corinthians 15:12-19		

MISSIONS

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Special Offering for the September monthly mission
will be collected for **Operation Christmas Child**.

The Sunday School students will pack shoeboxes for Operation *Christmas Child* in early November. Boxes will be delivered to children in need around the world. Money from the offering will help pay the \$9 cost to ship each box. We will collect the following items in 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 (no liquids or war related items)

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

Last year we packed 60 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

More information about Operation Christmas Child:

Every shoebox gift is an excellent resource for evangelism and discipleship which leads to the multiplication of new believers and churches around the world. In addition to hearing the Gospel before they receive their shoebox gift, 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.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Leaders: Bob Nicoll, Connie Dattilio

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

The following page is the training schedule for the basic course required to qualify as a Stephen Minister. It may seem like a lot of detail, but it gives a good picture of the comprehensive nature of the curriculum, as well as the meeting agenda.

I hope that some of you who have days open, and have a heart to serve others, will take advantage of this opportunity offered at Carroll Lutheran Village. There are eight individuals currently enrolled.

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STEPHEN MINISTER 2018 TRAINING SCHEDULE

205 St. Mark Way, 5th Floor Multipurpose Room

2:00 pm

Dates	Session	Module	Module Name	Reading Assignment Due This Session
Sept 11	1	T-1	The Person of the Caregiver	
Sept 18	2	T-2	Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours	► Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours Preclass Reading, SMTM Vol.1 [1] pgs 17-28 ► Preface through chapter 7 in <i>Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life</i> ► The Art of Listening Preclass Reading, SMTM Vol. 1 pgs 39-50
Sept 25	3	T-3	The Art of Listening	► Chapters 8-13 in <i>Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life</i> ► Chapters 14-20 in <i>Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life</i> (Bring your copy of the book.) ► Distinctively Christian Caring Preclass Reading, SMTM Vol. 1 pgs 63-76 ► Introduction through chapter 3 in <i>Speaking the Truth in Love</i> ► Bring <i>Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life</i> .
Oct 2	4	T-4	Distinctively Christian Caring—Part 1	► Process versus Results in <i>Christian Caregiving—A Way of Life</i> , SMTM Vol. 1 pgs 81-88 ► Review chapters 2 and 18 in <i>Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life</i> ► Chapters 4-7 in <i>Speaking the Truth in Love</i>
Oct 9	5	T-4	Distinctively Christian Caring—Part 2	► Chapters 8-12 in <i>Speaking the Truth in Love</i> (Bring your copy of the book.) ► Chapters 13-18 in <i>Speaking the Truth in Love</i> (Bring your copy of the book.) ► Maintaining Boundaries in <i>Christian Caregiving</i> , SMTM Vol. 1 pgs 125-137 ► Crisis Theory and Practice: Danger versus Opportunity Preclass Reading, SMTM Vol. 1 pgs 145-159 ► Confidentiality Preclass Reading, SMTM Vol.1 pgs 163-172 ► Introduction through chapter 3 in <i>When and How to Use Mental Health Resources</i> ► Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief Preclass Reading, SMTM Vol. 1 pgs 257-266
Oct 16	6	T-5	Process versus Results in <i>Christian Caregiving</i>	► Dealing with Depression: The Stephen Minister's Role Preclass Reading, SMTM Vol.1 pgs 281-291 ► Helping Suicidal Persons Get the Help They Need Preclass Reading, SMTM Vol. 1 pgs 307-326 ► Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close Preclass Reading, SMTM Vol. 2 pgs 343-358 ► Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care—Part 1 Preclass Reading, SMTM Vol. 2 pgs 373-394 ► Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care—Part 2 Preclass Reading, SMTM Vol. 2 pgs 405-427 ► Review "The Structure of Small Group Peer Supervision," SMTM Vol. 2 pgs 374-376 ► How to Make a First Caring Visit Preclass Reading, SMTM Vol. 2 pgs 437-460 ► Follow Me Preclass Reading, SMTM Vol. 2 pgs 473-484 ► Bring both volumes of your SMTM
Oct 23	7	T-6	Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly—Part 1	► Ministering to those Experiencing Losses Realized to Aging Preclass Reading, SMTM Vol. 2 pgs 537-545
Oct 23	7	T-6	Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly—Part 2	
Oct 30	8	T-7	Maintaining Boundaries in <i>Christian Caregiving</i>	
Oct 30	8	T-8	Crisis Theory and Practice: Danger versus Opportunity	
Nov 6	9	T-9	Confidentiality	
Nov 13	10	T-12	Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief	
Nov 20	11	T-13	Dealing with Depression: The Stephen Minister's Role	
Nov 27	12	T-14	Helping Suicidal Persons Get the Help They Need	
Saturday	13	T-15	Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close	
Retreat		T-16	Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care—Part 1	
TBD		T-16	Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care—Part 2	
Dec 4	14	T-17	How to Make a First Caring Visit	
		T-18	Follow Me	
Dec 11	15	T-21	Ministering to those Experiencing Losses Realized to Aging	

Read assignments are to be completed before a particular session. You need to work these assignments prior to coming to the session. The schedule is/PTI needs to be revised before the session. The schedule is/PTI needs to be revised before the session. The schedule is/PTI needs to be revised before the session.

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THANKS

A donation designated to the Kitchen Fund received
in memory of Gloria Armacost by Ardice and Jennifer Holbrook

Dear Partners in Making Mission Happen,

What a time to celebrate! As we reflect on the success of our 2018 DE-MD Synod Assembly earlier in June, we wanted to send our sincere thanks to each person and congregation for your support and commitment of our Forward in Faith (FIF) campaign. We are at over \$3.2 million of our stretch goal of \$3.5 million. By sharing abundantly, you live our new synod vision: **Called Forward Together!**

Through these FIF funds we are already changing lives. ELCA funds are making a significant impact on malaria, world hunger and global ministry. Our local FIF funds have gone to seminarians, our vast array of new start congregations, congregational vitality, disability ministry, racial justice, leadership empowerment, community services and partner ministry growth.

We have gotten this far; let's "run the good race" and finish strong. It's as easy as going to our Forward in Faith site to make a gift online at <https://www.demdforward.com/how-to-give.html>.

Again, thank you for your outpouring generosity, prayers and commitment to our future. Honored to partner in Christ, DE-MD Synod, ELCA:

Karen Johnson Kretschmann, Associate for Generosity John Auger, Synod VP

To Our Friends at Immanuel Lutheran Church,

I spent my vacation this year at the beach. It is one of my favorite places to be. The waves calm me, the seagulls make me smile, and the beach is good for my soul.

Although being at the ocean is wonderful, there is also an alarming side to being there. Without warning, swimmers can be pulled in to the chaos and struggle of a rip tide. The strength needed to break free from this strong current is very demanding, so lifeguards stand ready on the beach to help unsuspecting swimmers in trouble.

Like them, you guard lives. You stand ready to help others in need. When your neighbors' feet are unexpectedly pulled out from under them because of a divorce, short term illness, or long term disability they need help. It is your concern and care that brings help to them so they can survive the crisis that threatens to pull them under. An electric turn-off needs to be paid, food cabinets are empty, and children are hungry. And soon, the cost of back to school supplies will tug at empty wallets.

Some caregivers in our county are drowning in fear for their family's well-being. Your gift of food pantry items made the NESAP Challenge a HUGE success, making it possible for us to serve the community through the summer months when donations decline. A total of \$30,801 and 5,596 food pantry items gifted during the Challenge will bring blessings to our neighbors.

Our clients will find moments of rest in their struggle. Your kindness will make them stronger. Thank you for your compassion and action. It is very much appreciated by our neighbors struggling to stay afloat. Blessings,

Lynn Sheavly, NESAP Executive Director

LEAD

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

Our LEAD Team attended Learning Seminar B on August 3-4 and returned home ready to go into the congregation and into the neighborhood to listen for what God is doing. We learned about the Four Spiritual Types that go along with the four parts of the Great Commandment: to love God with all your **Heart, Soul, Mind** and **Strength**. Although we love God with all four parts of our being, most of us have one part that represents our most natural way of connecting with God. This is true for people in our congregation and people in our neighborhood. Imagine what could happen at Immanuel if we created multiple ways for people of all four spiritual types to connect with God and with each other!

Here is a brief description of the four types with activities appropriate for each. Which one best describes your most natural way of connecting with God?

HEART spiritual types are moved by action, doing things, and justice concerns. They rely on their *passion* for spiritual energy. (mission trips, volunteering, advocacy, protest)

SOUL spiritual types value relationship, oneness, and mystical union with God. They rely on *felt experience* and *connection* for spiritual energy. (prayer, meditation, contemplation)

MIND spiritual types connect with God using their intellect and the spoken or written word. They rely on *beautiful language* and *sound belief* for spiritual energy. (liturgical worship, Bible study, journaling, reading)

STRENGTH spiritual types get the most meaning out of doing something with their bodies. They rely on *activity* or *bodily movement* for spiritual energy. (yoga, hiking, dance, being in nature)

If you'd like to learn more about spiritual types and take the 12 question *Finding Your Spiritual Type* quiz, go to www.followingtheway.me.

May God help us all to **Live Everyday As Disciples!**

Pastor Charlie and our Immanuel LEAD Team:

Chris Crouch, John Gregg, Debbie Mace, Debbie Miller, and Terri Rill



PROPERTY

Chair: Tim Rill

Members: Frank Burnette, John Gregg, Steve Burris

The on-going issue with water coming into the Social Hall when it rains hard has been determined to be a back up of the under ground drainage system and needs attention.

KITCHEN

Kitchen is still fully functional at this time.

Anyone planning to use it should also plan on cleaning it before use as the project is and will be going on for sometime. There will be times it will be shut down but hopefully not for any extended times. It would be best to contact Property Committee if you are planning an event that includes use of the kitchen. Progress so far:



- floor drain has been replaced and new supply pipes to the island by Alford Plumbing
- doorway from the kitchen to the Martin Luther Room as been widened and all trim and Framing done by WD Rill
- rough in electrical work completed by B&C Electric
- drywall hung and finished by CSB Construction

Painting and the installation of the new hood fan are next on the list.

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

Thank you to everyone that was kind enough to take and fill one of our 27 backpacks. Families were very appreciative and expressed how generous Immanuel is to help send their children back to school with the supplies they need. As always, we thank you for all your help and generosity.

Without you we would not be able to do what we do ... *THANK YOU!!*

TABLE OF GRACE

Table of Grace in July served 95 people and we had 15 carry-outs. We served a picnic luncheon of Hot Dogs, Beans, Chips, Watermelon and Dessert. **THANK YOU** to all that helped serve! Our next Table Of Grace is October 30th. If you would like to help please let us know. If you are not able to help please consider donating a baked item (they love pies and anything with icing!).

LOCAL PANTRY COLLECTION

NESAP/TOFF is in need of Rice/Noodles. Consider donating a box or pack of Rice/Noodles. The Dollar Store sells both items. Labeled baskets are in the Narthex for donations. Still in need of plastic/paper bags.

FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

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

Linda Gregg; Matthew Rooney; Jamie Rooney

The Fellowship Committee had a coffee hour on August 5th and celebrated Pastor Charlie's birthday.

On August 7th the Fellowship Committee participated in the National Night Out at the Manchester carnival grounds. Children played a game where they caught a fish and then picked out a school supply of their choice. Thanks to Pastor Charlie, Brenda & Pete Wulforst, Deb Hebrank, Debbie Mace, Debbie Miller, Chris Crouch and Judy Bixler for helping with this event. Thanks to Sunday School for the school supplies.



Our Church Picnic is at Christmas Tree Park on September 9th following the 9:00 service and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Little Free Pantry. We will be providing hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, and paper products. We will be asking anyone attending to bring a covered dish or dessert. We will be providing a signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

On October 6th we will have a Craft/Yard Sale with Trinity from 8-2. We are selling vendor spaces for \$20. Food will be available for purchase. Pete Wulforst will once again provide music. There is a signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary for you to sign up for a space. Proceeds from this event will go to a drug addiction program and our kitchen renovation. Please tell your family and friends.

KIDS FEEDING KIDS



Kids Feeding Kids will be winding up another summer, serving their final meal on Friday, Aug. 31. It has been different this year, working around the kitchen renovation project and having meals brought in from the Manchester Elementary School kitchen. A highlight was the news story that appeared on Channel Two News on July 26. Our youth volunteers and adults who worked with them did a great job. We even had some activities for the children in addition to the food, of which the most popular was the rock painting. Director Sharon Bonner gave her all once again this year, and was able to take a week off for a family vacation. Thank you to those who filled in while she was away!

If all goes well, we hope to have Kids Feeding Kids back again next summer, this time with a newly renovated kitchen. No official plans have been made yet, but we will let you know what happens.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

We are very excited for our upcoming Sunday School year! Please join us!
Our new Sunday School Program is going to be a **B.L.A.S.T.**

Bible Learning and Sharing Together

New class formats for elementary, new activities for all ages, new ways to build relationships with God, our church, our friends and neighbors!
Sunday School is from 10:15 to 11:15am, starting September 16th. When Coffee Hour is held (first full weekend of the month), Sunday School has a shortened lesson (may be a group project or activity) from 10:45-11:15.

*Don't forget to join us at
the church picnic on
September 9th at Christmas Tree Park
to kick off the Sunday School year!*

- ✦ We will need assistance from volunteers for substitutes, craft projects, cooking lessons, etc, so please look for sign up sheets or let us know if you are interested in helping.
- ✦ Ideas and suggestions greatly appreciated for ways to improve and grow our SS program.

Below are some youth and family events,
including new ones for elementary school!



OCTOBER 19-21, 2018 • NORTHBAY ADVENTURE CAMP • NORTH EAST, MARYLAND



DECEMBER 2, 2018 • MAR-LU-RIDGE • ST. MICHAEL, PERRY HALL • ST. PHILIP'S, WILMINGTON



JANUARY 18-20, 2019 • CLARION RESORT FONTAINEBLEU • OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND



APRIL 5-7, 2019 • MAR-LU-RIDGE • JEFFERSON, MARYLAND



MAY 3-4, 2019 • MAR-LU-RIDGE • JEFFERSON, MARYLAND • PARENTS & GUARDIANS WELCOME



JUNE 14-16, 2019 • UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY • GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Vice President: John Gregg, 410-599-3091

Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

Your church council met on Tuesday, August 14 in the Martin Luther Room. The following business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Connor Vogelsang of Troop 320 shared plans for his Eagle Scout Project. Connor will be constructing Immanuel's Little Free Pantry near the education building directly behind the cross. Connor will be applying the grant we received from Hampstead's Little Free Pantry to his fund raising efforts. He will need to raise an additional \$300. The pantry should be installed by September 9, 2018. A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for after the morning service and before Immanuel's church picnic that day.
- Immanuel has several vintage Sunday school doors in storage at a private building. These doors hung in the Sunday school Auditorium, under the loft and divided that area into several Sunday school rooms. The doors need to be moved from the current storage area. Property chair, Tim Rill and Frank Burnette will contact the building owner, access the doors and make a recommendation regarding what to do with them.
- Shepherd's Staff, located on John Street in Westminster contacted Immanuel regarding space where they could decorate approximately 30 trees which are displayed and auctioned off on Thanksgiving weekend as a major fundraiser. The space is needed from Labor Day through Thanksgiving weekend. With the full cooperation of Scout Troop 320 and AA, Shepherds Staff will set up Santa's workshop in Immanuel's Scout room. Thank you to everyone for being flexible.
- A company offered Immanuel a fundraising opportunity for the months of August and September. If members ate at a variety of local restaurants a 15% donation would come back to Immanuel. Church council felt we did not have enough information and would consider our own restaurant fund raiser in the future.
- The Bishop has been invited by Pastor Charlie to join our congregation February 9-10, 2019 as we celebrate our 259th anniversary.

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OLD BUSINESS

- Kids Feeding Kids will continue through the end of August. CCPS is preparing and supplying most of the food being served, as the result of a grant. The programs attendance has dwindled and it is assumed the torrential downpours in July have contributed. Most of the families live within the church's area and walk to Immanuel.
- December 2018 will see the end of 7 council members 3 year terms. Several are planning to step up and serve for an additional term. Please prayerfully consider serving on your council. You should contact Pastor Charlie or any current council member if you would consider this important service to your church. Any of us would be excited to share with you how rewarding it is to serve Immanuel in this capacity.
- As previously reported in council notes, in the early spring, Pack 320 was disbanded. Jeremy Edwards reported to council that efforts are being made to restart Pack 320 as a Family Scouting venture. Girls will be invited to participate. At the current time, leadership is being pulled together. More information will be forth coming.
- Immanuel's website has been updated. Thanks Jamie Rooney for all of your efforts. We are currently seeking assistance to train Rachel and Jamie on WordPress, in an effort to keep the website current. Our FB page and our Website are valuable tools to keep Immanuel recognized in the community.

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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!

NORTH EAST SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM

1046 S. Carroll St., Hampstead, MD 21074 www.nesapinc.org 410-374-9099

Lynn Sheavly: Executive Director, nesap.director@gmail.com,

NESAP OPEN HOUSE

Ever wonder what makes NESAP "tick"? Join us for our first Open House on Thursday, September 13 from 4pm-8pm when we will reveal what happens "behind the scene" in our ministries.



Take a peek at our sorting area, assistance office, storage/organization and food pantry areas. In addition to our assistance programs, we believe in the 3 R's----recycle, reduce, and reuse. Find out how we accomplish that!

Tours will be scheduled every 30 minutes beginning at 4pm. Please note: there are steps with railings on both side to get to the basement level.

ADVOCATE FOR THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

Did you know that we refreshed our mission statement? We took a look at where we were as a ministry and what we are doing. Then we put some big dreams into place and created a new mission statement that reflected where we want to be.....and the goals to help us get there. As an outreach of your congregation or civic organization, will you help to make our ministry more relevant for those seeking assistance?

I would like to invite one or two individuals from your church or civic organization to meet at NESAP one evening a month to start. Then as we get established, perhaps quarterly meetings will satisfy our goals. We will talk about what our neighbors need and how we are (or are not) meeting those needs. We want to hear your thoughts about how to raise both funding for our assistance programs and awareness of our thrift store. In addition, two members of our Team will become members of our board of Directors as the voice of this not yet named group.

Won't you or someone from your church or organization help our neighbors bear their burdens by joining our first "New" Team meeting on Monday, September 24th at 7pm? We will meet at NESAP's building. Please email, text, or call Lynn to RSVP.

NESAP'S GREAT CHRISTMAS SALE!

Nutcrackers, egg nog, and NESAP mark the start of the holiday season! NESAP's Great Christmas Sale on November 10 at Upperco Volunteer Fire Department's activities building promotes affordable holiday cheer! High-quality previous-owned Christmas trees, lights, wreaths, tableware, games, movies, music, books, jewelry and other seasonal items will be displayed throughout the building. The proceeds from your purchases provide funding for NESAP's food, energy, medical, clothing, rent and transportation assistance programs.

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS ... in the area

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.

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.

SELF MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Living Healthy, Living Well with Chronic Conditions: Plan to attend a *Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop* series. Hoping to meet a need of many who have called requesting an after-work series, there is a morning session and an evening session.

- Tuesdays – September 11 to October 16 from 9 to 11:30am
in the classroom of the Westminster Senior & Community Center
- Wednesdays – September 12 to October 17 from 5:30 to 8pm
in the library of the Bureau of Aging & Disabilities

These workshops are FREE and open to anyone.

Contact Leslie Wagner (Dept. of Citizen Services, Project Coordinator) with questions or to register: Email: lwagner@carrollcountymd.gov, Desk: 410-386-3818 or Cell: 443-201-6744.

OKTOBERFEST

Trinity Lutheran Church hosting Oktoberfest to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County. Event includes a buffet of German and American dining options. Live German music. Come dressed in your favorite German attire and you may win a prize! Games, raffles, and contests for everyone. There is a Market consisting of local vendors selling their wares in the Bier Garten.

Tix: \$15 in advance, \$10 children under 10,

\$18 at gate, Free under 6

Contact office@trinitytaneytown.org for tickets or to become a vendor.

Sat, September 22 from 2 – 6pm

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



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 Rain or Shine from 8am to 2pm. September 15 · October 13

ACTIVITIES / EVENTS ... in the area ... cont'd ...

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

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

* Vendors Wanted for a well-established event (35 years!) that is very well attended (about 1500 last year!). Space is reserved for all three days of the Bluegrass Festival: Thur, Sept 20 · Fri, Sept 21 · Sat, Sept 22
Vendor spaces are 12' x 12', have electric and include admission for two people each day! Contact Rachel Murphy for more details.

Plan to attend the event too! Information and tickets available at www.thebluegrassconnection.com/arcadia

This is a great way
to support the local fire company!



PIT BEEF AND PORK FEED

AYCE Pit Beef and Pork Feed on Saturday, Sept 22 from 3-6pm at Jerusalem Lutheran Church (1372 Bachman's Valley Rd Westminster, 21158 Corner of Bachman's Valley Rd and Bixler Church Rd) Menu includes: Pit Beef, Pulled BBQ Pork, Homemade Fries, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Desserts, & Iced Tea
www.jerusalemwestminster.org

All-You-Can-Eat Pricing:

- Adults \$15.00
- Children 7-12 \$7.50
- Children 6 and Under - Free

Carry-out Pricing:

- Sandwiches \$5.00 each
- Dinner including 1 sandwich, 2 sides, and 1 dessert \$12.00

CRAB FEAST

North Carroll Titans invite you to celebrate the season with AYCE Crabs from Reter's Crab House, Fried Chicken from Miller's Market, Beer, Sides and Desserts! Sept 29 from 7 to 11pm at Hampstead Fire Hall.

\$40/person (sorry, no kids) Contact Hope for Tickets at 443-929-3921

SONGFEST

Lazarus UCC is hosting a Songfest to benefit Trinity UCC Restoration Project on September 30th from 3 to 5pm. Performances by local church choirs, soloist, duets, quartets and/or instrumentalist will 'make a joyful noise to our Lord', including from Immanuel Church! Free will offering. Reception will follow the program. (501 S Church St Lineboro 21102)

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Missions Special Offering 9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Coffee Hour 10:45am Adult Bible Study	Labor Day Office Closed 8pm AL-Anon 8pm AA	7pm Scouts 11am Bible Study 7pm Scouts 7pm Church Council Meeting	7:15pm AA	Pastor Retreat Day	Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AL-Anon	Missions Special Offering 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
Church Picnic Little Free Pantry Ceremony 9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Adult Bible Study	9am Work Day 8pm AL-Anon 8pm AA	10 11am Bible Study 7pm Scouts 7pm Church Council Meeting	12 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home 7:15pm AA	13 6pm Chime Choir Practice 7pm Adult Choir Practice	14 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AL-Anon	8 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
Holy Cross Sunday 9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Adult Bible Study 10:5am Sunday School	16 8pm AL-Anon 8pm AA	17 11am Bible Study 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home	18 10:30am Stephen Ministry Mtg 7:15pm AA	19 6pm Chime Choir Practice 7pm Adult Choir Practice	21 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AL-Anon	15 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
Harvest Home Weekend 9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Adult Bible Study 10:5am Sunday School	23 8pm AL-Anon 8pm AA	24 11am Bible Study 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home	25 7:15pm AA	26 6pm Chime Choir Practice 7pm Adult Choir Practice	28 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AL-Anon	22 10am Harvest Home Decorate Harvest Home Weekend 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA
9am Worship / Communion 10:15am Adult Bible Study 10:5am Sunday School 3pm Lazarus Church Songfest	30 8pm AL-Anon 8pm AA	25 11am Bible Study 7pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study - Pr Home	26 7:15pm AA	27 6pm Chime Choir Practice 7pm Adult Choir Practice	29 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AL-Anon	29 5pm Worship / Communion 6:30pm AA

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Susan Burnette, 410-357-9466, sb31220@gmail.com, Chairman, Woman's Harmony Choir
 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

SEPTEMBER HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm

(Sept 1) Jeanne Swain

(Sept 8,15) Brenda Wulforst

(Sept 22,29) Judy Bixler

Sundays at 9am

Jeremy Edwards

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Betty Miller

Audrey Shaffer

JULY 2018 WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Weekend Dates	Attendance	Remarks
June 30 – July 1	15 + 103 = 118	Red, White, Blue Wkend
July 7-8	23 + 75 = 98	
14-15	23 + 76 = 99	
21-22	25 + 64 = 89	
28-29	21 + 57 = 78	
July Totals	482	
July Average	96	

LOOKING AHEAD ... SAVE THESE DATES

Thursday, Sept.13

Chime Choir resume weekly practices @ 6pm

Adult Choir resume weekly practices @ 7pm

Sunday, September 16:

Holy Cross Sunday — wear RED

September 22-23:

Decorate for Harvest Home – Saturday at 10am

Harvest Home Weekend Services at 5pm and 9am

'Fill-Our-Baskets' Food Drive for 'Tree of Friends' and NESAP



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.



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 Sunday, Nov 11th in the Oak Tree Room.

CHILDRENS' CHOIR

The Children's Choir will be singing this fall. Practices are at 10:30am following Sunday morning service. Rehearsal schedules will be emailed. Mr Pete, Ms Sandy and Ms Amanda are excited to begin another year. Everyone looked very 'sharp' in their new Childrens' Choir shirts!



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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

CHIME CHOIR ~ ADULT CHOIR RECRUITMENT

Prayerfully, consider helping the **Chime Choir** or the **Sunday Adult Choir** this fall. Both choirs resume weekly practices on **Thur, Sept 13th** at 6pm for the Chime Choir and at 7pm for the Sunday Adult Choir.

Should you not be able to attend for a regular commitment, but can help occasionally, please contact Jerry Hoffman (choir director), Audrey Moose (chime director) or any choir member.

Reading music is not a requirement; there is no age limit and NO auditions are necessary! As a group of people who enjoy music – each and together, **YOU** can make a *‘joyful noise to the Lord’!*

FLOWERS ~ LESSONS & PRAYERS SPONSORSHIPS

The Flower Sponsorship Calendar is posted in the church office hallway with sponsorship forms and envelopes. Available weekend dates are still open during **SEPTEMBER**. 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