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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,

During the past weeks the U.S. and the Caribbean have been struck by multiple devastating hurricanes, most especially Harvey in Texas and Louisiana and Irma in the Caribbean and Florida. As I am writing this, Hurricane Maria is bringing additional destruction to Caribbean islands already devastated by Irma.

The Lutheran Church has a long tradition of being the first to arrive and the last to leave wherever disaster strikes. There is good reason for that. The heart of our Lutheran theology tells us we are saved into a right relationship with God not because of our good deeds or our best intentions, but as a sheer gift of God's grace because of what Jesus has done, received by faith alone. We don't have to focus on ourselves any more, since God has already taken care of everything for us. All the energy we once devoted to arranging our own salvation we now can devote to serving our neighbor in love, as Jesus loved us. As Martin Luther wrote, "God doesn't need your good works, but your neighbor does."

True Lutheran spirituality is not inwardly focused but outwardly focused. What better way could there be to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation than by forgetting about ourselves and reaching out to our neighbor in need – in Houston, or in Florida, or right here in Manchester? See the 'Give to Hurricane Relief' article for details.

As you respond to these and other special appeals, don't forget your regular weekly offering. We rely on the consistent financial support *and prayer support* of all our members, without which we would not be able to continue to serve Christ in our neighbor as we have done for 257 years – and counting. Thank you for all you do to keep Immanuel Lutheran Church strong and growing!

Yours in the Love of Christ,

~Pastor Charlie

P.S. I encourage you to participate in as many of our Reformation 500 Celebration events as you can, which you will learn about in the rest of this issue of The Visitor. It's going to be an exciting month! See you at church!



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MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP

Rev. Wal Reat is our ELCA Global Missionary sponsor. He serves in South Sudan among the refugees in several camps along the border between South Sudan and Ethiopia. Keep Rev. Wal in your prayers.

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 15th of the month prior.

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.

YEAR-END TAX TIPS

As we start the last quarter of the calendar year, we begin thinking of ways to minimize our income tax liabilities for the tax year. Charitable donations are one way of reducing our tax burden.

- *Do you have stock certificates stashed in a desk or safe deposit box?
- *Do you have stocks that you do not know their cost basis?
- *Do you know if you transfer your common stock to the church you receive a charitable donation in the amount that it is worth on the date of the transfer?

Donating stocks that have appreciated is a way to avoid capital gains on the growth and receive a tax break. If you would like more information please contact Rachel Murphy, Jeremy Edwards or Audrey Shaffer.

FALL DINNER MEETING

The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Fall Dinner Meeting on Mon, Oct 30th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Taneytown. Family-style dinner served at 6:30pm. An offering received for the meal with at least \$12 expected per person. Pastor Cris Frigm will lead a short devotion and hymn sing with their new director of music. Sign up or contact church office. RSVP by Sunday morning, Oct 22.

PASTOR CHARLIE'S OCTOBER BIBLE CHALLENGE

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Pastor Charlie is bumping up the challenge level for the month of October, as we prepare to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Martin Luther believed Paul's letter to the Romans to be the most important book of the Bible and one that all Christians should know by heart. Accept the challenge and read through Romans with Pastor Charlie and others. Not an easy read, but very rewarding!

The online Bible Study will continue with daily comments from Pastor Charlie on Facebook. Email him at pastorc@ielcmd.org if you would like to join this private group, or if you would like to receive copies via email of the comments he posts there each day.

Oct 1	Rom 1:1-17	Oct 12	Rom 6:12-23	Oct 23	Rom 11:13-24
Oct 2	Rom 1:18-32	Oct 13	Rom 7:1-12	Oct 24	Rom 11:25-36
Oct 3	Rom 2:1-16	Oct 14	Rom 7:13-25	Oct 25	Rom 12:1-13
Oct 4	Rom 2:17-29	Oct 15	Rom 8:1-11	Oct 26	Rom 12:14-21
Oct 5	Rom 3:1-20	Oct 16	Rom 8:12-25	Oct 27	Rom 13:1-14
Oct 6	Rom 3:21-31	Oct 17	Rom 8:26-39	Oct 28	Rom 14:1-23
Oct 7	Rom 4:1-12	Oct 18	Rom 9:1-18	Oct 29	Rom 15:1-13
Oct 8	Rom 4:13-25	Oct 19	Rom 9:19-33	Oct 30	Rom 15:14-33
Oct 9	Rom 5:1-11	Oct 20	Rom 10:1-13	Oct 31	Rom 16:1-27
Oct 10	Rom 5:12-21	Oct 21	Rom 10:14-21		
Oct 11	Rom 6:1-11	Oct 22	Rom 11:1-12		

COMING OCTOBER 8: MINISTRY FAIR

Our two big goals from the congregational survey are

to **improve communication** within and outside the congregation and
to **increase involvement** by all our members in the church's ministries.

The **Ministry Fair** is scheduled during the coffee hour on Sunday, October 8. It is an effort to help all our members **learn** about the full range of ministries and activities at Immanuel and how to **get involved**. Each of our congregational ministries, including Christian Education and Youth, Worship and Music, Stephen Ministry, Mutual Ministry, Fellowship, Social Ministry, Keeping in Touch (visitation ministry), Faith Health Network (hospital ministry) and more will have displays describing their activities and opportunities for people to serve. You can visit the displays, speak to a representative, and sign up to participate in whatever ways best fit your individual abilities and interests.

The Ministry Fair is a great way to accomplish our two big goals.

Please mark your calendars and
plan to join us in the Social Hall on **Sunday, October 8!**

OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW AT IMMANUEL

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Sunday morning Bible Study continues 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 – 11:30am.

Now through October, Pastor Charlie will lead a study of **Luther's 95 Theses**, using a new book by world-famous Luther scholar, Dr. Timothy Wengert. We have 15 copies at a discounted price. If you will not be attending the Sunday study and would like a copy, contact Pastor Charlie.

MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Morning Group meets in the Oak Tree Room at 11am on **Tuesdays**

Oct 3, 17 & 24 for “**See Through the Scripture**” which provides a bird’s eye view of the entire Bible that will help you see how it all fits together. No previous knowledge of the Bible is required for this or any of our other Bible studies.

Evening Group meets at the Pastor’s home, 840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158 at 7 pm on **Wednesdays**

Oct 4, 11, 18 & 25 and Nov 1 for a study of some of the lesser-known prophets of the Old Testament and their message for us today.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class meets on **Sunday evenings at 7pm** in the **Oak Tree Room** except for Oct. 8, when Pastor Charlie will be at the Bishop’s Leadership Retreat.

Students will attend the Luther Movie Night on Oct 22 and the Reformation 500 celebration at McDaniel College on Oct 29. See the announcements elsewhere in this issue for details on those special events.

LUTHER MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, Oct 22 at 6pm

The movie “Luther” (2003) starring Joseph Fiennes as Martin Luther, tells the story of the great reformer and gives an excellent depiction of what life was like in Luther’s day. The 2-hour movie is rated PG-13 for some disturbing images of violence that were an unfortunate part of the Reformation. Doors open at 5:45pm. Popcorn and other snacks will be served. Discussion will follow for those interested.



Shepherd's Staff 2nd Annual

Dinner & Dance Fundraiser



NESAP 2017 Holiday Food Drive
suggested donations: canned peas, corn, green beans, baked beans, sweet potatoes, fruit, applesauce, cranberry sauce, cake mix, icing, corn muffin mix, flavored rice/noodle side dishes, macaroni and cheese, stuffing, soup.

Saturday, October 21, 2017
from 5:30 - 10pm at Portico,
St. John's Catholic Church.

DJ by Raptor Productions.

Many raffles & prizes!

\$40 per person (pre-sale only)

Cash Bar: \$2 Beer & \$3 Wine

Call 410-857-5944 for tickets!

MARTIN LUTHER EXHIBIT

Now through October, the Walter's Art Museum in Baltimore has an exhibit on display 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.

GIVE TO HURRICANE RELIEF

During the past weeks the US and the Caribbean have been struck by multiple devastating hurricanes, most especially Harvey in Texas and Louisiana and Irma in the Caribbean and Florida. More recently, Hurricane Maria has caused major damage to Dominique and Puerto Rico.

As a church, we're standing by our neighbors who have been affected as they begin the long road to recovery. Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliates are collaborating with community leaders and government officials. Please give now to support this response.

You can give to hurricane relief through Lutheran Disaster Response (www.ldr.org) or double your gift if you are a Thrivent member (www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/disaster-response).

You can also give by cash or check (write to Immanuel Church) and placed in an appropriately marked pew envelope.

To give to the hurricane response where funds are needed most, write "Hurricanes" on your envelope. To give directly to relief efforts for Hurricane Irma, write "Irma" on your envelope.

Your gifts will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response. No matter how much you give financially, please keep all those affected in your prayers. When we learn of opportunities to send mission teams to participate in relief and recovery efforts, we will let you know.

CARROLL COUNTY

500



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 Register Now for Fall Lifelong Learning Opportunities



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

Tech Soup –Larry Bulanda discusses current trends in technology including remote sensing, robotic prosthetics, technology in healthcare and aging in place, canine technology and more. Class meets Tuesdays October 3 through 17 from 6:30–8:30pm. Cost is \$42 per adult.

Angels –Learn the historical and spiritual significance of angels. Meets Fridays Oct 18 through Nov 8 from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Free to older adults.

Zumba –Get the heart and muscles pumping in this challenging session. Mondays, October 30 – December 11 at 11:00am. Cost is \$30 per adult.

Art History Series: The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood -Susan Williamson from the Carroll Arts Center presents 1-2pm on Tues, Oct 17. \$9 for CLV residents and Arts Council members and \$10 for others.

Please register for all courses in advance at 443-605-1070 or registration@clvillage.org.

Carroll's Best Results

Thank you! Carroll Lutheran Village was voted **Best Retirement Community, Best Assisted Living Facility, and Best Nursing Home** AGAIN by the readers of the *Carroll County Times*.

Thank you to everyone who voted for CLV and have supported us over the years – we couldn't do it without you!

Visit Carroll Lutheran Village on Facebook

Carroll Lutheran Village is on Facebook! Visit us on Facebook to see the terrific things that residents and staff are doing – like the recent tree planting to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

You don't need to be a member of Facebook to view the page – just go to www.facebook.com/CarrollLutheranVillage.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Chair: Matthew Rooney, 570-947-4875

Administrative Team: Doris Dell, Jo Fleck, Jeanne Swain

The KIT ministry took a summer break for the month of August but will be starting up again in September.

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!

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's coffee hour for September was decorated in a Christmas theme to promote Operation Christmas Child. Everyone enjoyed the theme in September and also the yard sale items that were on display for purchase. Thanks to Debbie Hebrank and Brenda Wulforst for putting this together.

The Immanuel and Trinity joint yard sale on September 16th was wonderful. We were blessed with beautiful weather and what a difference that made for us. We had 50 vendors with crafts and yard sale items. Immanuel's bake table was a big hit that day because of Immanuel's bakers. We had various kinds of pie, candy, ice cream and cake. The Shred Mill truck shredded confidential material. We even had music by Pete Wulforst, under the Oak Tree and Jerry Hoffman, in the Sanctuary. The best part of this event was how Immanuel showed their support. People spent time marking items, arranging items on tables, picking up items from people, donating, baking, setting up at 5am and then packing up the Westminster Rescue Truck with unwanted items. We were given a lot that day but were so happy to be able to help others by giving our unwanted items to the Rescue Mission. It was amazing the time people gave to help out. The Fellowship Committee knows none of this would be possible without the help of so many people. Thank you again Immanuel.

OCTOBER COFFEE HOUR



On October 8th the coffee hour will be hosted by the Immanuel's Sunday School. The teachers and the Sunday School children will be making ice cream sundaes. We will also have baked goods for you to enjoy in case ice cream sundaes are not for you.

Now if that doesn't make you come down for coffee hour, we have another reason for you to join us that day: The Mutual Ministry Committee is having a *Ministry Fair*. Committees will have a display depicting what they do at Immanuel. This will be a time for you to sign up for an event or committee you are interested in helping out. So why not come and get some information about the committees and maybe even find something you are interested in doing.

BLACK FRIDAY

Kick off holiday shopping with our multivendor event on Black Friday from 6pm to 9pm after the lighting of the town tree. Some of the items for sale include hand painted signs, embroidered towels, Scentsy, Thirty-One, Perfectly Post and more! If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Jamie Rooney. [443-536-3541](tel:443-536-3541) or jamielr126@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP

I have only been here for a year and a half, but I have already learned that Immanuel Lutheran Church is a giving congregation. Members respond to special appeals for help throughout the year through our monthly mission offering, food collection for NESAP and Tree of Friends, food baskets and Christmas gifts and bookbags filled with school supplies for needy families, and handmade quilts and blankets for sick children. Now many are giving generously to assist in relief and recovery following Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. Soon we will be collecting socks for the homeless and coats, hats and gloves for those in need as cold weather approaches. In my 37 years of parish ministry, I have never been part of a more generous congregation. I thank God for each and every one of you as I remember you in my prayers!

We are able to do all these things and more, year after year, because of those who give faithfully and often sacrificially of time, talent and treasure to keep our congregation's ministries going.

I thank God when I think of the thousands of volunteer hours that go into providing our weekly worship services, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, Bible study and prayer groups, and all our fellowship and outreach events, as well as maintaining our beautiful buildings and grounds. Where may God be calling you to give of your time and abilities?

I thank God when I think of the thousands of dollars given each month to support all these ministries, to compensate our dedicated staff, to keep the lights on and our buildings heated and cooled and well maintained. How may God be calling you to give of your financial resources to support God's work?

I thank God when I think of our departed members who have remembered Immanuel in their wills and left a legacy that has sustained us when our giving has fallen short of our goals. How may God be calling you to support your congregation for generations yet to come?

I encourage you during the month of October to consider prayerfully how you will give of your time, abilities and financial resources to your church in the coming year and beyond. Join me at the Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 8 at the coffee hour to learn more about the ministries of our congregation and how you can get involved in God's mission here.

~Pastor Charlie

DEATHS

Chappie Craft

October 26, 1943 - September 14, 2017
Beloved member of the Manchester community

Vito Tunzi

September 15, 1964 - September 16, 2017
Husband of Cherie (Wilhelm) Tunzi

THANKS

Thank you to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards and well wishes as I recovered from my recent leg injury. ~Gloria Armacost

Thank you for your cards. Your prayers made it possible for me to attend church last Saturday night! ~Janis Hagert

The Community Event with Trinity last weekend was wonderful. We were blessed with beautiful weather. We had 50 vendors with crafts and yard sale items. We made over \$1,400! Thank you to everyone that helped! So many people, in so many different ways.

Thank you! ~Fellowship Committee

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers, and calls while I was hospitalized with bronchitis and then hip replacement surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Charlie for all his phone calls, prayers, and visits. I appreciate everyone caring. ~Gene Yingling



MARYLAND

Faith Health

NETWORK

THANK YOU to all who have signed up 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 Hospitals.

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 looking for volunteers! Please see Judy Bixler or Pastor Charlie, or contact the church office, if you are willing to ...

- * visit someone at home or the hospital
- * give a ride to a medical appointment
- * prepare and/or deliver a simple meal
- * make a phone call
- * write a note or send a card
- * pray for someone in the hospital

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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



It is hard to believe, but it is time to select our Holiday families. Again this year, we would like to extend our help to families at Immanuel Lutheran Church. If you know of a family that is in need and could use our help this year (Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter), please let someone on Social Ministry know or place their names in an envelope and put them in Social Ministries mailbox. Please let us know by October 31st. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or see one of us.

COAT COLLECTION

During the month of October, we will be collecting gently used Coats, Hats, Scarves and Gloves for Shepherd's Staff in Westminster. Last year we collected over 100 Coats! Now is a good time to clean out closets and help those that are in need. A box will be in the Narthex to receive your donations. Any questions, contact Debbie, Amanda or Rhonda.

FOOD PANTRY ITEM

NESAP/TOFF is in need of Tuna. Labeled baskets will be in the Narthex. Please consider picking up a can of tuna (the dollar store sells them). They also need paper bags (the ones you get from Miller's.) The bags can also be dropped in the baskets. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

TABLE OF GRACE

I would like to thank everyone who helped us at the Table Of Grace in August (we fed 95 clients). A special thank you to those that baked and donated baked goods They TRULY were enjoyed by all!! I would also like to extend a very special thank you to Jordon Bosnick, Olivia Bosley and Mary for all their help!

Our next Table Of Grace is October 31st. If you are unable to help, perhaps you would consider donating a baked good (cake, cupcakes, pies). **Our clients love anything with icing and especially love pies!**



WE NEED SOCKS!!



Socks are one the most needed items in homeless shelters, but also one of the least donated. We will be holding a Sock Drive the month of October to benefit the less fortunate in our community.

A box will be set up in the Narthex October 1st to collect new sock donations. If you have any questions please contact Amanda Yingling: 717-880-5215, mandymae1210@gmail.com.

2016 COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Vice President: John Gregg, 410-599-3091

Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

NEW BUSINESS

. Pack 320--

Immanuel has received an email from Dwayne Martin, Pack 320 leader regarding the dissolution of Pack 320. Membership has dwindled. Many months of attempted recruitment has produced no new interest. Pack 320 is disbanding. In the future, if interest resumes, consideration will be given to restarting the pack.

. Evaluation of Kids feeding Kids--

The program proved quite successful. Consideration is being given to continuing this project. A meeting is being scheduled with Sharon Bonner, Pastor Charlie, Steve Burris, Deb Hebrank, Rhonda Kiler and Brenda Wulforst in the next few weeks to talk.

. October Ministry Fair—

Immanuel's recent Mutual Ministry survey revealed that communication and congregational involvement are two areas that need improvement. In an effort to educate the congregation on the committees of the church, a Ministry Fair is scheduled for Sunday, October 8 during the monthly coffee hour. All committees will display information and have a representative present to educate and recruit members.

. Trinity restoration—

Trinity UCC is doing necessary restoration work to their sanctuary. The members of Trinity are appealing the community to raise funds for the essential work. Immanuel will help our neighbors by designating January's monthly mission for their Renovation Project.

OLD BUSINESS

. LEAD—

Pastor Charlie and Christine Crouch are very close to forming a team for Immanuel's LEAD process. Participation in this process is spreading quickly across our synod and Immanuel is excited to get on board. Necessary documents will be signed at the October council meeting.

. 500th Anniversary—

Pastor Charlie and the Worship and Music committee are working hard to finalize Immanuel's plans for this important celebration. The bulletin is filled with information regarding Immanuel's plans.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Sunday school resumed at Immanuel on September 17. There are about 20 children attending on a regular basis. We have 5 teachers rotating Sunday morning duty regarding teaching the lesson. Each week we make an effort to have a craft and snack, which our students really enjoy.

Recently the Mutual Ministry team conducted a survey and asked you to name the things you felt needed to be improved at Immanuel. The two most frequently mentioned concerns were:

**Communicating what is happening at Immanuel, and*

**Involving more people in these activities.*

So, here I am, asking for help for the Sunday School.

Most Sundays I need a craft person for K-2 and Grades 3-5. I also need a person willing to provide an individually wrapped snack for up to 15 children. There is one known allergy—pineapple.

Would you prayerfully consider volunteering for the craft or the snack preparations? Volunteers are assigned through the end of October. Beginning in November the Sunday school needs help.

I will be reaching out to you for your assistance, making every effort to fulfill the congregations two requests listed above.

To volunteer, see me on Sunday mornings or phone me at 443-507-6753.
~Thanks, Brenda Wulforst



Project Linus National is collecting handmade blankets to help families impacted by Hurricane Harvey in Texas, and Hurricane Irma in Florida.

The Carroll County Chapter is 100% non-profit and 100% volunteer. Their purpose is to provide a "handmade hug" in the way of a security blanket to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. The local Carroll County chapter set a goal to send 1,000 blankets to the TX and FL areas.

Immanuel's Workday Group completed 7 quilts while in the Social Hall on Monday and is also working on projects at home. You can add to our numbers - if you have any quilts that you would like to donate, bring to church as soon as possible. Any questions, please contact Audrey Shaffer.

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Member Sunday 8:15am Childrens Choir Practice 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Luther Men Practice 7pm Confirmation Class	2 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	3 11am Bible Study-OTR 7pm Scouts	4 7pm Bible Study-Pr Home 7:15pm AA	5 Pastor Retreat (Day) 6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	6 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	7 Old Fashion Hymn Sing Missions Special Offering 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
8 Hymn Sing & Special Offering 8:15am Childrens Choir Practice 8:30am LutherMen Practice 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Coffee Hour/ice Cream Social & Ministry Fair Pastor at Bishop Retreat	9 Pr at Bishop Retreat 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	10 Pr at Bishop Retreat (day) 7pm Church Council Mtg 7pm Scouts	11 7pm Bible Study-Pr Home 7:15pm AA	12 9am West Conf Mtg Wedding Rehearsal 6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	13 Pastor Day Off 6pm Wedding 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	14 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
15 Pastor at Bishop Retreat 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 7pm Confirmation Class	16 Pastor at Bishop Retreat 9am Work Day 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	17 Pastor at Bishop Retreat (am) 11am Bible Study-OTR 7pm Scouts Delegate Mtg at CLV	18 7pm Bible Study-Pr Home 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:15pm AA	19 6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	20 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	21 SS Showwalkers Corn Maze 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
22 8:15am Childrens Choir Practice 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 6pm Luther Movie Night	23 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	24 11am Bible Study-OTR 7pm Scouts	25 7pm Bible Study-Pr Home 7:15pm AA	26 6pm Chime Practice 7pm Choir Practice	27 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon	28 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA
29  9am Worship / Comm 8:15am Childrens Choir Practice 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 3:30pm Westminster Conf Reformation Svs at Big Baker Chapel	30 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	31 Table of Grace 7pm Scouts				

MUTUAL MINISTRY

Chair: Bob Nicoll

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

Our bimonthly meeting was held on September 3rd.

With Thrivent funds we hosted a buffet brunch on August 13th immediately following our 9 o'clock Sunday service in the Social Hall. It was followed by a PowerPoint presentation of the highlights of the church survey conducted earlier this spring. A condensed presentation was offered on Saturday, August 12th at 4:30, before the 5pm service.

From the survey data, two key areas need to be improved, communications and involvement. The Ministry Fair in October is one step in addressing both communications and the opportunity for involvement. Several programs were discussed that addresses helping individuals to find their gifts and purpose here on earth. Programs discussed include SHAPE and possibly a retreat at CLV campus. We are looking to facilitate two subgroups to focus on improving these areas. Anyone interested in participating in one of these subgroups should contact a member of the Mutual Ministry team.

There were no new inputs in the Suggestion Box. All 31 items in the Capture Log have been completed and are separately documented. Our next bi-monthly meeting is scheduled for November 12th. We are currently looking for a few new Mutual Ministry members, please let us know if you are interested in joining our team!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Leaders: Bob Nicoll, Connie Dattilio

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

Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshops are an excellent way to get your questions answered and learn what Stephen Ministry is all about. Immanuel will cover the cost of \$15 per person or \$50 for a group of four or more from your congregation or organization. Upcoming Workshop is on October 1st from 2 to 6pm at: Mt Zion United Methodist Church

12430 Scaggsville Rd Highland, MD 20777

Three Ways to Register: (Exit at Clarksville on Rt 32, West of Columbia)

Register online (stephenministries.org/workshop)

Register by phone (314-428-2600)

Register by mail or fax (Forms on SM Bulletin Board in stairwell landing.)

MISSIONS

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

A Special Offering will be collected October 7th and 8th for Carroll Lutheran Village. **Home. That's what hundreds of residents call it.**

They live purposefully, meaningfully, and they age gracefully. Their lives are full and enriched. This is a place of quality and choice. **This is home.**

But what if Carroll Lutheran Village didn't exist?

As a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community, Carroll Lutheran Village knows that it takes a village to care. Our philanthropy program serves residential need throughout the Village including:

- o Financial subsidy provided to residents who are experiencing financial shortfall
 - o Capital and major needs, which may include facility maintenance and development, equipment, or special programming demands
- Where the need is greatest – providing flexibility to the donor and to the Village



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are still collecting items for Operation Christmas Child through the month of October. The Sunday School students will pack shoeboxes 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!

Place donations in the labeled boxes outside of the sanctuary.

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

All these items can be found in the dollar section at Carroll Drugs Pharmacy in Manchester. And remember... if you fill your prescriptions at Carroll Drugs, they donate a dollar to the charity of your choice.

~Select Immanuel and then we can get more items for the boxes!

Last year we made 38 shoeboxes—we want 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.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

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

Jerry Hoffman, 410-374-2565, Organist/Choir Director;

Audrey Moose, 410-429-4047, Chime Choir Director

Judy Bixler, 717-632-1805, Saturday Evening Service; Jennifer Holbrook, 410-374-6401, Acolytes;

Sandy Voight, 410-239-9428, Altar Guild; Wayne Thomas, 410-374-9538, Adult /Luther Men Choirs

Amanda Yingling, 717-880-5215, Children's Choir Coordinator

Looking Ahead ...

Month of October **Immanuel's 500th Reformation Activities**

October 7-8 Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing
at 5pm and 9am

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

November 4-5 **All Saints Remembrance Weekend**
at 5pm and 9am

November 11-12 Veteran's Thank You Weekend

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

Wendy Maloney
Sandy Voight

OCTOBER HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm
Rodgers Hagert

Sundays at 9am
Todd Robinson

OCTOBER LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

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

Week of:	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
Sept 25 ~ Oct 1	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Psalms 25:1-9	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
October 2 ~ 8	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalms 80:7-15	Philippians 3:4b - 14	Matthew 21:33-46
October 9 ~ 15	Isaiah 25:1-9	Psalms 23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
October 15 ~ 22	Isaiah 45:1-7	Psalms 96:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
October 23 ~ 29 500 th Reformation	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalms 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

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 **OCTOBER**.

It is suggested that you share the cost of the vases with a family member or friend. Place your completed sponsorship form (on the Flower Sponsorship bulletin board), with payment, in the Worship and Music basket on the church office lamp table by Wednesday 12noon, of the weekend prior to your reserved date.

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



OCTOBER OPEN SPONSORSHIPS:

- Oct 7-8** Lessons & Prayers
- Oct 14-15** Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- Oct 21-22** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
- Oct 28-29** Altar Vases ~ Center Arrangement ~ Lessons & Prayers
(500th Reformation)



Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries are listed in newsletters and bulletins, please contact Worship & Music to be included.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Christine Hoffman	Ron Schmidt	Ava Lee
Layla Campbell	Gary Eppley	Paul Dattilo
Ava Yingling	Natalie Bolander	Doug Mace
Tim David	Carolyn Hamlet	Carl McCullough
Toby David	Carl Welsh	Donna Patterson
Leonora Hoffman	Gloria Armacost	Rose Frase
Delores Leese	Gail Miller	Susan Yingling
Mary Ann Cardinale	Bert Hamlet	
Maureen Cobak	Nancy Hagert	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

John & Linda Gregg	Oct 1, 2005	Gene & Sandy Voight	Oct 11, 1975
Brian & Amanda Yingling	Oct 1, 2011	Dale & Alice Warehime	Oct 12, 1958
Robert & Cheryl Chaney	Oct 4	Pete & Brenda Wulforst	Oct 18, 1985
Luke & Nicole Campbell	Oct 7	Brad & Ashley Calp	Oct 20, 2012
Ron & Linda Schmidt	Oct 11, 1964	Matthew & Jamie Rooney	Oct 27, 2012

500 BIBLES FOR CHINA

As Martin Luther translated the Old and New Testaments into the German language, one of the key points of the Reformation was making the Holy Scriptures available to everyone, in their own language. Immanuel wants to celebrate our 500th anniversary of the Reformation **by sponsoring 500 bibles for people of China to read in their own language.**



Immanuel is a very caring congregation, and with the help of the American Bible Society's '*Bibles for China Campaign*' every **\$1 we donate, 1 Bible** is made available to someone in China.

Please consider sponsoring as many bibles as you can for **only \$1 each**. Sponsorship forms and envelopes are on the front bulletin board at the Education door entrance. Place completed form and payment (make checks to Immanuel Lutheran Church) in the Worship & Music basket on the church office lamp table. **Help Immanuel sponsor 500 bibles by October 31st.**

Name: _____ Envelope # _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Bible Costs: \$ 1.00 each

Please provide information
for inclusion in an Appreciation insert

_____ To the GLORY OF GOD

~ OR ~

In MEMORY Of: _____

~ OR ~

In HONOR Of: _____

Sponsored By: _____

Payment of \$ _____ is enclosed. Total # Bibles Sponsored _____

CIRCLE PAYMENT OPTION: Cash OR Check # _____

REMEMBER:

- ✓ Make check payable to: Immanuel Lutheran Church
- ✓ Place this completed information with your payment in the supplied envelope.
- ✓ Place envelope in the 'Worship & Music' Basket on the lamp table in the church office.

Immanuel's 500th Reformation Bible Challenge Sponsorship Form

AN OLD-FASHIONED HYMN SING WEEKEND

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

500TH REFORMATION WEEKEND: SIX CENTURIES OF MUSIC and PRAISE

Join us for a very special worship celebration at our **500th Reformation Services of October 28th and 29th**. On **Sunday**, our festival service will highlight lots of music and singing. Immanuel's Music Ministry groups: the Adult and Luther Men Choirs, the Chime Choir and the Children's Choir will participate along with special instrumentalists throughout the service. We will enjoy some of the greatest, most beloved hymns and other sacred music from the 16th century through today. Bring all your friends, family and neighbors with you for an unforgettable worship service on **Reformation Sunday, October 29th at our 9am service.**



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. See any member of Immanuel's current Altar Guild with your interest or questions. Try something new for 2018... volunteer for Altar Guild!

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

On **All Saints Remembrance Weekend Services, on Nov 4th and 5th**, Immanuel will honor and remember all its members and friends who died during the past year. Families will be invited to attend either of these services and will be given a white carnation in their memory.



VETERANS' THANK YOU

During the weekend services of **November 11th and 12th**, Immanuel will thank all our veterans, past and present. A bulletin board will be on display during November thanking all the women and men in our congregation who have served in the military. If you or a family member have recently retired from the military and would like to be included in our '*Veterans Thank You Tribute*', please contact Susan Burnette at sb31220@gmail.com with your name(s) and branch of service.

ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

Immanuel's Altar Guild Annual Meeting is on Sunday, November 12th following morning worship in the Oak Tree Room. ALL members (and anyone wishing to join the guild) are urged to attend. Agenda planning for 2018 will be discussed, along with sign up for our Sunday guild duties.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ALWAYS NEEDED...

It's that time of year to ask for your volunteer help as a **worship assistant** during our **5pm Saturday Evening Service at 5pm OR our 9am Sunday Morning Service**. "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*. A reminder email or phone message is sent early each week. 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 form in the Worship & Music basket in the church office. Contact Susan Burnette (sb31220@gmail.com) or in person with your questions.

October 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday October 7 Hymn Sing	Saturday October 14	Saturday October 21	Saturday October 28 500 th Reformation
Head Usher	Rodgers Hagert	Rodgers Hagert	Rodgers Hagert	Rodgers Hagert
Greeter	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Linda Black	Barb Davidson
Lector	Linda Black	Luther Myers	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain
Offering Ushers	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Linda Black Rodgers Hagert	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson
Communion	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler	Judy Bixler
Supply Pastor	TBD	-----	-----	-----

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

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

November 2017 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday November 4 <small>All Saints Weekend</small>	Saturday November 11 <small>Veterans Thank You</small>	Saturday November 18	Saturday November 25
Head Usher	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain
Greeter	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Linda Black	Barb Davidson
Lector	Linda Black	Luther Myers	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler
Offering Ushers	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Linda Black Rodgers Hagert	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson
Communion	Linda Black	Judy Bixler	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday November 5 <small>All Saints Weekend</small>	Sunday November 12 <small>Veterans Thank You</small>	Sunday November 19	Sunday November 26 <small>Christ the King Sunday</small>
Head Usher	Debbie Hebrank	Debbie Hebrank	Debbie Hebrank	Debbie Hebrank
Altar Guild	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller	Rhonda Kiler Betty Miller
Greeters	Carolyn Kittelberger Bart Walder	Youth	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Carolyn Hamlet	Youth	Todd Robinson	Russell Jensen
Offering Ushers	Norman Downes Matthew Rooney Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt	Youth	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Barbara Guthrie Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Ernest Weiss
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips	Susan Burnette Connie Dattilio John Gregg Andy Kiler	Susan Burnette Rhonda Kiler Audrey Shaffer Sandy Voight	Susan Burnette Jo Fleck Joe Fleck Jamie Rooney
Acolytes	Dylan Andrews Jayden Bosnick	Austin Gregg Willis Kiler	Ryan Edwards Kyle Robinson	Tanner Eckhardt Austin Gregg
Crucifer	Jordan Bosnick	-----	-----	Ashton Eckhardt
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll	Connie Dattilio	Christine Crouch	Connie Dattilio
Bell Ringer	Frank Burnette	Bart Walder	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.

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