

The VISITOR

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

From The Pastor's Desk....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The weeks leading up to Thanksgiving and Christmas are probably the most “giving” season of the year, not only in churches but throughout our culture. Here at Immanuel the opportunities for giving are many: Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, Operation Christmas Child, winter clothing collection and food collection for NESAP, plus our monthly special mission offering to name but a few. In fact, since arriving here last April, I have been struck by the spirit of generosity here at Immanuel.

This is also the season when congregations across America hold their annual stewardship campaigns, encouraging their members to think and decide prayerfully how they will support God’s work in their congregation financially in the coming year.

All this raises a basic question: Why give? Let me suggest a few answers from God’s Word.

1. We give because God gives. “Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (Ephesians 5:1-2) It is natural for children to imitate their parents, and so it is natural for us as beloved children to do what we see our Heavenly Father doing. “God so loved the world that he gave...” (John 3:16) We are never more like God than when we give!

2. We give for the joy of it! “We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.” (2 Corinthians 8:1-2) The joy of knowing Jesus as our Lord makes us eager to give all that we can in order to share our joy with others. When Paul was taking up a collection for the famine stricken believers in Judea, the joy-filled and extremely poor churches of Macedonia actually begged Paul for the privilege of giving!

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3. We give out of the extra God has given us. “God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:8) Our generous God blesses us with more than we need so that we can bless others in their need. We are blessed to be a blessing. That’s what I call living the good life!

4. We give because we want to. “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7) Giving that puts a smile on God’s face is always done happily and freely, not because someone else has pushed our “guilt button” or emotionally manipulated us into giving. Stewardship programs that manipulate people in these ways can rightly leave a sour taste in peoples’ mouths. The spirit of generosity that I have seen among the people of Immanuel isn’t there by accident. It has its source in the limitless, grace-filled generosity of God. “Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!” (2 Corinthians 9:15)

Some food for thought as you prayerfully consider how you will support God’s work at Immanuel in 2017.

Yours in the generous love of Christ,

~Pastor Charlie

OFFICE NOTES

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COMMUNICATION DEADLINES

Information to print in the weekly service bulletin must be received by noon on the Wednesday prior to worship. Information to print in the monthly newsletter must be received by the 15th of the month prior.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND HEALING

Pastor will offer individual prayer at the communion rail, with anointing and laying of hands for healing for those who desire it, 20 minutes before each Sunday service.

ONLINE GIVING

Remember that Immanuel offers a convenient and secure online giving service! This is an easy way to make one-time donations or setup your weekly recurring offering directly from your checking account or credit card. You can also designate to our main funds for Monthly Special Offerings, Land and Building, and Sunday School/Youth.

If you have any questions, please contact the office for assistance. Our website has a link available: www.immanuelutherancmd.org

MORNING and EVENING BIBLE STUDY and PRAYER GROUPS

Pastor Charlie is leading a small group Bible study and a small group meeting for prayer. The Bible study group will usually meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month. (11am in the Martin Luther Room and 7pm in the Church Office). The prayer group will usually meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month (11am in Sunday School Auditorium and 7pm at the pastor's home: 840 Hughes Shop Rd, Westminster MD 21158). The schedule will be adjusted as needed to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Upcoming dates in November:

*****Bible Study*****

Nov 1 at 11am AND 7pm

Nov 15 at 11am

*****Prayer Group*****

Nov 9 at 11am AND 7pm

Nov 23 at 11am

(7pm is Thanksgiving Eve service)

Contact Pastor Charlie at the church office, email to pastorc@ielcmd.org or call/text cell phone 443-854-2394.

WORSHIP SERVICES SURVEY NOVEMBER 12-13

At both worship services and during Sunday School the weekend of Nov 12-13, the Worship & Music Committee will conduct a survey regarding our Sunday morning schedule. (Saturday worship will remain at 5pm.) We are considering a change to the schedule in order to include more people in weekly worship. We want to hear from as many people as possible as we discuss this and seek God's direction together. Here are the possible changes we would like you to think over so that you will be ready to give your response on the day of the survey.

___ Worship 9:00am; Sunday School 10:15am (current schedule)

___ Worship 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45am

___ Sunday School 9:30am; Worship 10:45am

___ Worship 8:30 & 11:00am; Sunday School 9:45am

Exact starting times for each option are open to discussion. *Please note that this is not a congregational vote, but part of a careful and prayerful shared decision making process, of which you are an important part!

IMMANUEL'S BOOK FAIR

Immanuel will be hosting a Book Fair in November through Sparkhouse. This is an opportunity to purchase faith based books and resources to support your family. Resources will be on display for purchase on Nov 13th, and 20th with an open house on Black Friday. If you are interesting is assisting with the Book Fair or open house please contact Jamie Rooney (jamielr126@gmail.com).

MANCHESTER AREA BLACK FRIDAY

In addition to the Book Fair on Black Friday and to help draw in more people to Immanuel, we are looking for anyone who would like to sell crafts or any direct sale items such as LuLaRoe, Younique cosmetics, etc. There is no charge for a table, but we ask that a donation is made to the Kitchen Fund. If you would like to participate please contact Jamie Rooney, 443-536-3541 or jamielr126@gmail.com by Nov 13th.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will be including family pictures in the new church directory. We will be taking pictures:

Saturday Services:

November 5, 12, 19 and 26

Sunday, November 6 – Coffee Hour

Sunday, November 20 - Congregation Meeting

You are also welcome to submit your own digital family photo. Email digital submissions to jamielr126@gmail.com with your family name as the subject line. All photos are due by December 18th.

We hope to begin assembling the directory after the new year.

Thank you, Amanda Yingling and Jamie Rooney

KEEPING IN TOUCH

There is a new Keeping In Touch ministry coming to Immanuel Lutheran Church. This ministry will go beyond the walls of the church to reach those who are unable to attend worship or to reconnect with church members. We'll be looking to recruit "visitors" for this ministry. The Administrative Team for this ministry consists of: Doris Dell, Jo Fleck, Matthew Rooney, and Jeanne Swain. Additional information will be provided in the coming weeks.

HOMEBOUND

Here is a list of our members, and a few non-members, who are homebound. We invite you to send a card from time to time, or stop by for a visit. Also, please contact the church office or speak with Pastor Charlie if you are aware of anyone else who should be included.

Ruth Calp

Plum Creek
425 Westminster Ave
Cottage 83
Hanover, PA 17331

Carl Krauss

Plum Creek
Memory Care Unit
425 Westminster Ave
Hanover PA 17331 (N)

Christine Sigel

Plum Creek
Memory Care Unit
425 Westminster Avenue
Hanover, PA 17331

Elaine Cullison

Plum Creek Cottage #32
425 Westminster Avenue
Hanover, PA 17331

Randy Thompson

Longview Nursing Home
3332 Main St, Rm 106
Manchester MD 21102 (N)

Ginny Sellers

Brightview at
Westminster Ridge
505 High Acre Dr
Westminster, MD 21157

Hazel Leppo

Cross Keys
Harmony Ridge Apt 120
New Oxford, PA 17350

Millie Leedy

Cross Keys
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Room 2164
New Oxford, PA 17350

Betty Wildasin

Cross Keys
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Room 2176
New Oxford, PA 17350

Walter & Dolly Ruby

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Ethel Hunt

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Westminster, MD 21157

Donald & Pat Diserod

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Manchester, MD 21102

Ardice Holbrook

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Manchester, MD 21102

Dorothy Black

3116 Park Ave
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Manchester, MD 21102-103

Dick Hebrank

4841 Schalk Rd #1
Manchester MD 21102 (N)

Carl McCullough

3056 Westminster St.
P O Box 216
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Katharyn Black

Cross Keys
154 Peace Circle
New Oxford PA 17350

Jan Engman

North Pines
3316 Wilhelm Lane
Manchester, MD 21102

Julia Berwager

Golden Crest Asst Living
1777 Nelson Road
Westminster, MD 21157

Alton Graf

Longview Nursing Home
3332 Main Street, Rm 100
Manchester, MD 21102 (N)

Debra Hartlaub

Brethren Home
2990 Carlisle Pike, Rm 3938
New Oxford PA 17350 (L)

Catherine Strevig

Golden Crest
4023 Evergreen Drive
Hampstead, MD 21074

Romaine Harper

Columbia Cottage Room 11
2288 Grandview Rd
Hanover PA 17331 (L)

Delores Leese

2074 Manchester Rd
Westminster, MD 21157

Paulyne & Burnell Hartlaub

222 S. Third St
Hanover PA 17331 (L)

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Lazarus Lutheran Church

(N) =

Non Member

NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK:

EXPLORING HOMELESSNESS IN CARROLL COUNTY

We will view video excerpts from the HOMELESS LIFE STORY COLLECTION PROJECT and join the conversation to formulate the next steps in the community response to homelessness.

Tuesday, November 15

9am, 2pm, and 6pm

at St. Paul's United Church of Christ
(Bond & Green Streets, Westminster)

Thursday, November 17

7pm at McDaniel College

(104 Hill Hall – adjacent to Decker College Center)

Hosted by:

McDaniel College Dept of Social Work and the SW Advocates

Sponsored by:

Carroll County Circle of Caring Homelessness Board

Building Sweet Hope for the Homeless!



Vote for your favorites!
TownMall of Westminster
November 18th-25th

The
Gingerbread
Village
Festival

MANDY'S STORY

Mandy's Story is a story of a beautiful child born to normal, average parents—but born with spina bifida and that changed everything. Mandy and her parents were soon to learn a whole new vocabulary, many of the words long and difficult to pronounce. They were soon to experience anything but a normal, average lifestyle, but one they would not trade. *Mandy's Story* tells of an exceptional young woman and her parents whose lives were buffeted by pain and suffering and all the emotions that accompany such buffetings, but who also experienced happiness and hope, and yes, even joy.

It is the story of Mandy Kent, someone whose life can inspire because of the way she lived her faith in the light of all her struggles. That life was lived out at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Manchester and Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster. It was a life lived out as a poster child for March of Dimes, for 4-H, for teaching children, for helping people with disabilities. It is a story that is meant to give hope in the face of suffering, love in the good times and bad, and peace in the midst of dying.

The book is not being sold for profit. To receive a copy of the book, the author, Hermine Saunders, and Mandy's parents, Donna and Richard Kent, are asking that you make a meaningful contribution to the Scholarship Fund of Carroll Lutheran School in Mandy's memory. Money will be received by representatives at the various locations where the books are displayed.

Contact Church Office if interested in purchasing a book.

WITH ONE VOICE

An Evening of Fine Music to Benefit Carroll County Domestic Violence Program on Sat, Nov 19 at 7:30pm. Sponsored by Family and Children's Services. For more information call 410-876-1233 x229.

St John Catholic Church
43 Monroe St Westminster, MD 21157
Tickets \$10 (adults) \$5 (16 and under)

Featuring:

Choro Della Bella Voice of the Children's Chorus of Carroll County
Coram Deo
Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County
McDaniel College Gospel Choir
McDaniel College Madrigal Singers
Old Line Statesmen Barbershop Chorus

Tickets available:

- *Family and Childrens Services (22 Court St Westminster)
- *Online at www.fcsm.org/events or
- *At the door the night of the event

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

The Holidays are fast approaching and once again we will be sponsoring ten families from the Manchester/Hampstead area.



A table is set up in the Narthex to drop off food items. Delivery to the families will be Nov 19th. If you have any questions or would like to help with the delivery of food, contact one of us.

In addition to the 'traditional' items for Thanksgiving dinner, (like stuffing, gravy, instant potatoes) other suggested food donations are:

beef stew, canned pasta (spaghettios, ravioli, etc) canned meat, spaghetti noodles, pasta noodles (elbow, ziti, etc) spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned peas or carrots, canned fruit, applesauce, brownie mix, cake mix, icing, flavored rice side dishes, flavored noodle side dishes, plain rice, macaroni and cheese, hamburger helper, juice, Ramen noodles, soup.

Again this year our Purse/Tote Drive was a great success. As of this printing, a total of 71 purses/totes were collected and delivered by Ron Schmidt to Springfield Hospital. Thank you to everyone that donated to a great cause.

Our Winter Clothing Drive for October was also very successful. We collected we collected 30 Coats, 4 Hats, 14 Scarves and 6 Pairs of Gloves for Sheppard's Staff. Once again you the congregation stepped up and helped those in need.

NESAP / TOFF is in need of Canned Peas or Carrots. The labeled baskets will still be in the Narthex. Please consider picking up a can or two (the dollar store sells them).

Our next Table Of Grace is November 29th. We would love your help at Grace Church in Westminster. But if you are unable to help on that Tuesday, please consider donating a baked good. Our clients love pies and enjoy any baked item with icing. Your contributions are truly appreciated and enjoyed by all!

To give you an idea on the impact of Table of Grace, this year Immanuel served

* 143 meals in March

* 123 meals in May and

* 101 meals in August

FELLOWSHIP

Chair: Rhonda Kiler, 410-239-7028

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

All Saints Sunday is on November 6th and we will have a coffee hour reception in the Social Hall after the 9am service. This is a great time to talk and share some memories. We hope you will give a little bit of your day to enjoy some time with others.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is on Nov 20, 2016 after the 9am service. We will be having a pot luck luncheon on that day after church. A sign up sheet will be at the rear of the sanctuary. Please come and enjoy some delicious food made by our members before making decisions for Immanuel in 2017. Your input is needed to keep Immanuel growing.



YARD AND CRAFT SALE

Thank you to everyone who participated, in anyway, with Immanuel's 1st Yard and Craft Sale last month. The weather was a challenge, however we persevered and raised over \$900 for the Kitchen Fund!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jen Edwards, 443-883-6138, jen@iostreaminfo.com,
Rona Haddaway, Jeanne Swain, Doris Weeks, Angie Eckhardt, Pete Wulforst,
Jen Robinson, Andy Kiler, Sandy Voight

Sunday School is off to a great start, the new format and classroom structure is being well received.

We need your help—consider being a substitute !!

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



CHILDREN'S YOUTH CHOIR

Remember that we welcome all youth to our group called "All God's Children". We sang during the Children's Sermon on Sunday, Sept 25. Thank you to each child and to their parents for making this commitment to Immanuel's Music Program. Check the weekly bulletin for information regarding the holiday program. For more information, please contact Amanda Yingling at 717-880-5215 or email: mandymae1210@gmail.com.

BABY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Baby Sunday School meets on the first Sunday of the month in the Oak Tree room following the worship service. If you have questions contact Jamie Rooney jamielr126@gmail.com or Christine Hoffman cohoffman22@gmail.com.

2016 COUNCIL

President: Brenda Wulforst, 443-507-6753

Vice President: Frank Burnette, Irfburnette@gmail.com

Recording Secretary: Jamie Rooney

Your church council met on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7pm in the Martin Luther room. The following business was discussed:

NEW BUSINESS

- * In an effort to comply with the Immanuel/Scout Troop 320 charter, two Troop leaders met with council and briefed the members concerning the activities of the troop and pack. Pat Poore, Scoutmaster reported the Troop is growing with 35 current members and expectations of 10 to 12 more.
- * The American Red Cross contacted Immanuel and would like to evaluate our sight as a possible emergency shelter. Pastor Charlie and Brenda will meet with the Red Cross to do a walk thru on November 3.
- * The Finance committee presented the 2017 budget Church council believes we have an income problem as a result of declining attendance and declining contributions. Each council member was reminded of working together to promote membership. After a lengthy discussion, church council voted to approve the projected budget for 2017 budget with the stipulation that the council and the congregation focus on Evangelism this coming year.

OLD BUSINESS

- * The final step in upgrading the sound system has been completed. This was the wiring of the Oak Tree Room.
- * The Property committee has contracted a snow removal company- Masimore Snow Removal.
- * Council Meeting scheduled for November 15 rather than November 8, due to the General Election.
- * Annual congregational meeting scheduled for November 20 following the 9am service. A pot luck brunch is being considered.
- * The kitchen project is continuing. Our hired consultant is working on a plan which we should receive before the November meetings.
- * Christmas Services will be as follows. They are Christmas Eve, December 24- 3:00pm, 7:00pm and 9:00pm. No 5:00pm service and no church services on Christmas Day. Watch your weekly bulletin for more information.
- * Church directory-photographs are being taken and work on the directory will begin in January.

MISSIONS

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

November's Special Mission is the Westminster Rescue Mission. Based in Westminster, they have served the Communities of Carroll County with Christian based recovery, housing, meals and counseling. They also provide jobs for their clients at their thrift shop operation.

Can you imagine being hungry and alone during the holiday season? No holiday meal to share with your family. Thanksgiving and Christmas can be a difficult time of year for those that find themselves alone. Those with nothing more than the dire need of support, clothing, housing and nutrition for the body and soul. Especially for those facing hunger and without shelter for the very first time.

The Westminster Rescue Mission expects to provide over one thousand food baskets and seven hundred and fifty holiday boxes to the hurting members of its community as well as hundreds of meals for the men in their in-house recovery program.

Please be generous in your support of this mission providing for those in need!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We are collecting small toys and toiletries for Operation Christmas Child. Some suggestions are:

Toys (ex. dolls, stuffed animals, puzzles, jump ropes, sticker books)
School Supplies, Hygiene Items (no liquids), and Accessories (ex. socks, hats, flipflops, hair bands, sunglasses).

The boxes will be packed on Sunday, Nov 13th in the Social Hall. Everyone is invited to help in this **PACKING PARTY**, including the Sunday School children and their families!

Every shoebox is a tool for evangelism and discipleship, transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ!

If you have any questions contact Matthew (rooneym80@gmail.com) or Jamie Rooney (jamielr126@gmail.com).

November 2016

<p>11am Bible Study 7pm Cub Pack Mtg 7pm Boy Scout Mtg 7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>1 7:15pm AA</p>	<p>2 7:15pm AA</p>	<p>3 Social Hall Reserved 6pm Chimes Practice 7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>4 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>5 Missions - Special Offering 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA</p>
<p>7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>8 11am Prayer Group 7pm Prayer Group 7:15pm AA</p>	<p>9 11am Prayer Group 7pm Prayer Group 7:15pm AA</p>	<p>10 6pm Chimes Practice 7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>11 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>12 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA</p>
<p>7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>15 11am Bible Study 7pm Church Council 7pm Boy Scout Mtg</p>	<p>16 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:15pm AA</p>	<p>17 6pm Chimes Practice 7pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>18 Pastor Day Off 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>19 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA</p>
<p>8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA</p>	<p>14 9am Work Day 8pm AI-Anon 8pm AA</p>	<p>23 Social Hall Reserved 11am Prayer Group 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:15pm AA</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed</p>	<p>25 Social Hall Reserved Pastor Day Off Office Closed Black Friday Open House 8pm AA 8pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>26 Social Hall Reserved 5pm Worship / Comm 6:30pm AA</p>
<p>Missions-Special Offering 9am Worship / Comm 10:15 Coffee Hour 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Baby Sunday School 10:30 Adult Bible Study 3pm St. Mark's Pastor Installation 5:30pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>6 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Baby Sunday School 10:30 Adult Bible Study 3pm St. Mark's Pastor Installation 5:30pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>13 Social Hall Reserved 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 11:00 Operation Christmas Child</p>	<p>20 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Childrens Activity during mtg 10:30 Brunch and Congregation Mtg 6:30pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>27 Social Hall Reserved 9am Worship / Comm 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>30 7:15pm AA</p>

MUTUAL MINISTRY

Chair: Bob Nicoll

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

The Charter for Mutual Ministry identifies two key objectives:

1. Care and support for the Pastor:

“Encouraging a Healthy Balance for Effective Ministry”

2. Scanning life within the Congregation and Community to intercept issues and opportunities.



In our first months since the arrival of Pastor Charlie we have focused in particular on the Pastor and his family’s well being. We are comfortable at this point with our expectations and the Pastor’s attention in preserving a Healthy Balance.

Overall Health The Pastor’s family has a Primary Care Physician with Carroll Health Group. In a recent checkup he was told he was “disgustingly healthy”

Exercise The Pastor walks in the morning (a physical and spiritual benefit) and the family is now enrolled at the Westminster “Y” where the Pastor is in a guided exercise program.

Spiritual Pastor Charlie has established a “Spiritual Coach” at Aisling Retreat House. He will reestablish his habit of a “Personal Retreat Day” for more intensive prayer and reflection once a month.

Professional Enrichment and Outreach He participates regularly in church sponsored conferences and events, and numerous community outreach initiatives.

Workload The Pastor systematically maintains a ledger of his ministerial activities. He is meeting his goal of a 50-hour week on average.

Recreation and Social Life There is, and continues to be, scheduled family vacation time. Perhaps a little more could be accomplished with social life within the community.

Discussions with Caroline Marshall She is comfortable with the Pastor’s workload and attention to the family. The MM Committee will reassess this question with her quarterly.

“Tending to the Flock” He has initiated, or provided oversight, to numerous new worship and outreach programs at Immanuel.

The presence of our new Pastor and his well being to serve are Divine Gifts.

Our achievements are almost always the result of a cooperative process in which a *concern or opportunity* is identified by our committee, the Pastor, a Congregation, or Council, and we then put in place a plan to address them. To express any concerns, opportunities, or comments please use the Congregational Input Form (included in last months newsletter and also available in the back of pews). Place completed forms in the locked box in the back of the Sanctuary.

Scouts 320

IMMANUEL CHURCH SPONSORS #320

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

For more than a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through over a century of experience, knows— that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

TROOP 320

Scoutmaster Troop 320:

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Troop 320 Chartered Organization Rep:

Maureen Laderer 410 598 5065 cell, 410 239 7398 home, mmladerer@aol.com

Committee Chair Troop 320:

Jessica Vogelsang 410 967 6475 cell, jessica.vogelsang9@gmail.com

**** Established in 1932 - The oldest Boy Scout troop in Carroll County ****
The troop holds meetings on Tuesdays, 7-830pm at Immanuel. Join us!

PACK 320

Cubmaster Pack 320/ ASM Troop 320:

Dwayne Martin 443 536 3641, dajwmartin@msn.com

Committee Chair Pack 320:

Dee Malykin 443 929 2583, keithndee@yahoo.com

Cub Scout Pack 320 is looking for new members!

The Cub Scouts had a successful Halloween Trunk or Treat! It was a great time for both current Cub Scouts and prospective Scouts. The Boy Scouts participated too and helped make this an awesome event for the younger kids!

On November 20th the Scouts will have their 4th annual service project at Charlotte's Quest. Each year Scouts and their families come together to get a big job done that includes cleaning up the grounds and mulching. This project helps build a sense of comradery within the group and teaches the value of giving back to the community. In addition, the Nature Center allows the Cub Scouts to use the grounds for their Bobcat ceremony following the service project. The Bobcat rank is the first rank earned by every new boy who joins Cub Scouts.

Pack 320 is off to a great start with recruitment this year! The recruitment efforts are year round and the Pack is always excited to see new faces! For more information regarding Cub Scouts please contact Dee Livesay at 443-929-2583 or keithndee@yahoo.com.

FINANCE

Chair: Frank Burnette, Irburnette@gmail.com

Treasurer: Jeremy Edwards

Members: Norm Downes, Garth Eckhardt, Rachel Murphy,
Matthew Rooney, Audrey Shaffer, Jeff Yingling

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS and ACTION TEAMS



**THRIVENT
FINANCIAL®**

Connecting faith & finances for good.®

Your donations make a difference! If you are a Thrivent member, you can designate your Choice Dollars to Immanuel Church. Visit the Thrivent website to learn more.

Another great benefit of being a Thrivent member is the opportunity to plan a Thrivent Action Team project. The 'Mothers Day Tea' we had this year was a Thrivent Action Team project that used a Thrivent gift card to help support the event. We can help you come up with some project ideas and also help you with the process to get the \$250 gift card to you.

TAX TIP FOR 2015 & 2016 INCOME

Consider a donation to Immanuel Church! For parishioners that must take required distributions and those 59½ years of age and older, distributions are tax free. Distributions must be paid directly from the trustee to Immanuel Lutheran Church (a qualified charitable organization). Contact the Church Office for more information.

THANKS

A sincere thank you to my church family for your prayers and many cards sent to me during my recent stay in the hospital and since my return home. Also thank you to Pastor Charlie for his prayers and visits.

~Brenda Murray

Happy 90th Birthday to Gloria Armacost on October 15!

Gloria is a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

She has been a dedicated supporter of the church and is still active today.

Her family at Immanuel wishes her the best of birthdays and thanks her for all she has done for the church over the years.



Cub Pack #320—

Thank you for helping
with Immanuel's Yard and Craft Sale !

PROPERTY

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

Members: Tony Mancuso, 443-375-8733

Frank Burnette, John Gregg

The boilers have been serviced and started for the heating season. Snow removal is under contract. We are ready for winter and hope the cold, snow and ice will not be too extreme.

The kitchen is on the drawing board and plans are expected to be 'in hand' very soon so we can begin costing and awarding the contract. This project will not be completed this year. Barring any unforeseen permitting or existing conditions, it is likely the renovations to our kitchen will be complete in 2017.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

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

Amanda Yingling, 717-880-5215, mandymae1210@gmail.com, CoChairman, Children's 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

SAVE THESE DATES

November 5-6

All Saints Remembrance Sunday

November 12-13

Veteran's Sunday

Altar Guild Annual Meeting

November 19-20

Christ the King Sunday

Congregational Annual Meeting

Wed, November 23

Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7pm

November 26-27

Advent Season begins

December 3-4

Advent 2

Poinsettia Sales begin

December 10-11

Advent 3

Poinsettia Sales continue

Sunday – Luther Men music

December 17-18

'Hanging of Greens' Sat at 10am

Advent 4 ~ Deadline Poinsettias

Saturday, December 24

Poinsettia Delivery at 9am

Christmas Eve Services at

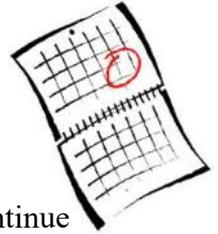
3pm ~ 7pm ~ 9pm

Sunday, Christmas Day

NO Service

Dec 31-Jan 1

Lessons & Carols Services



ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

All Saints will be celebrated the weekend of November 5th & 6th. The custom of commemorating all the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the 3rd century. *All Saints* celebrates the all baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ.

We will remember, at our services, all who have died in the faith this year and now serve God around his heavenly throne. During the Prayers of Intercession, a bell will toll after each name is read. Families in attendance and will be given a white carnation in their remembrance.

CLOCKS BACK

Do NOT forget to reset your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, November 5th. Daylight Savings Time ends at 2am Sunday morning.



HONORING IMMANUEL'S VETERANS

During November 12th and 13th, both weekend services will honor our veterans. A bulletin board will be on display during the month of November thanking all men and women, of our congregation, who have served in the military.

CHRIST THE KING SERVICES

The church's liturgical calendar year ends the weekend of November 19th and 20th when we will celebrate **The Festival of Christ the King**. Special music for the Sunday service will be provided by the Chime Choir.

ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

Immanuel's **Altar Guild Annual Meeting** is **Sun, Nov 22nd** after worship in the Oak Tree room. ALL members are urged to attend. Agenda planning for the 2017 year will be discussed, along with sign-up for Sunday guild duties.



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

On **Wednesday evening, November 23rd at 7 pm**, Immanuel will offer thanks for our bountiful harvest season during our annual **Thanksgiving Eve Service**. *"He made water flow for you from flint rock and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good."* (Deuteronomy 8: 15b -16) How do you thank God for all the goodness you enjoy each day of the year? We welcome everyone to join us on Wednesday, November 23rd for communion AND an evening of thanks!

NOVEMBER LECTIONARY SERIES CONTINUES...

Week of:	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Oct 31~Nov 6 All Saints	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Nov 7~13 Veteran's Sunday	Malachi 4:1-2a	Psalm 98	2 Thess. 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Nov 14~20 Christ the King	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Nov 23 Thanksgiving Eve	Deut. 26:1-11	Psalm 100	Philippians 4:4-9	John 6:25-35
Nov 21~27 Advent 1	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
Nov 28~Dec 4 Advent 2	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7,18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12

ADVENT IS COMING!

The season of **Advent** begins the weekend of **November 26th-27th** and continues through **December 17th-18th**. Prepare for this four-week Advent journey by attending your service of choice each weekend as we await the birth of the baby Jesus.

2016 POINSETTIA SALE

Beginning **December 3-4**, Music and Worship will take orders for this year's **Christmas Poinsettias**. All orders will be received through written sponsorship order forms. **POINSETTIAS CAN BE ORDERED BY:**

*order form found in the back of this newsletter **OR**

*order form found on the Poinsettia Bulletin Board outside the sanctuary

Provide the needed information

~ Choose either 'In Honor Of' **or** 'In Memory Of'

~ Circle your payment type (cash or check written to Immanuel Church)

~ Enclose order form with payment in the supplied envelope and leave in the red Poinsettia Basket on the lamp table of the church office. Should the office be locked – simply drop your order in the door slot.

The DEADLINE for ALL POINSETTIAS will be Sunday, Dec 18th. All orders received by the deadline will be included in the special insert of the Christmas Eve bulletins. Please direct any questions to Susan Burnette.

ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2017 Sponsorship Calendar will be posted after Thanksgiving. Sign up early and often!

Altar Vases \$50 Center Arrangement \$30 Lessons & Prayers \$20

***Your sponsorship with payment must be received by 12 noon of the Wednesday prior to your reserved date for inclusion in the weekend bulletin. *** Place all sponsorship information in the supplied envelopes and drop in the M&W basket on the lamp table of the office.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

On **Saturday morning, December 17th**, beginning at 10am, members of Music & Worship, Altar Guild and church volunteers will gather for our yearly **HANGING OF THE GREENS**.

The sanctuary and tree will be decorated for our Christmas Eve Services. Join us and help decorate for the holiday!

SOMETHING NEW for CHRISTMAS EVE

Immanuel will conduct a new Christmas Eve Service this year on Saturday, December 24th! For those members and friends of Immanuel who do not like traveling after dark, an afternoon service beginning at **3pm will be offered**. This service will be informal, but will still offer the wonderful 'awe' of celebrating the birth of the baby, Jesus. If your Christmas Eve often is very crowded with so many pre-Christmas activities, maybe this year, a 3pm afternoon service will suit you better. Stay tuned ...



October Birthday and Wedding

Anniversaries are listed below. To be included, contact Susan Burnette.

BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSARY

BIRTHDAYS

Jeff Luntz

Charlotte Hann

Elaine Cullison

Kathryn Groomes

Dorothy Townshend

Lisa Duckson

Sophie Kiler

Chris Miller

Ardice Holbrook

Rhonda Kiler

Linda Black

Catherine Strevig

Amber Hagert

Harry Arbaugh

Kieran Hoffman

Andrew McCarty

Kevin Graf

Austin Gregg

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry and Nancy Hoffman November 19, 1977

NOVEMBER HEAD USHERS

Saturdays at 5pm Sundays at 9am

Rodgers Hagert Deb Hebrank

Thanksgiving Eve, Nov 23 at 7pm

Rhonda Kiler

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Nov. 6 & 13:

Barb and Gene Yingling

Nov. 20 & 27:

Susan Burnette & Sandy Voight

Thanksgiving Eve, Nov 23:

Sandy Voight

November 2016 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday November 5 <small>All Saints Weekend</small>	Saturday November 12	Saturday November 19	Saturday November 26 <small>Advent 1</small>
Head Usher	Rodgers Hagert	Rodgers Hagert	Rodgers Hagert	Rodgers Hagert
Greeter	Charlotte Hann	Janis Hagert	Barb Davidson	Mary Ayers
Lector	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain	Luther Myers	Judy Bixler
Offering Ushers	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Fred Ayers Linda Black
Communion	Linda Black	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler	Judy Bixler

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday November 6 <small>All Saints Weekend</small>	Sunday November 13	Sunday November 20 <small>Christ the King</small>	Sunday November 27 <small>Advent 1</small>
Head Usher	Debbie Hebrank	Debbie Hebrank	Debbie Hebrank	Debbie Hebrank
Altar Guild	Barb Yingling Gene Yingling	Barb Yingling Gene Yingling	Susan Burnette Sandy Voight	Susan Burnette Sandy Voight
Greeters	Linda Gregg Betty Miller	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Tony Mancuso Pam Newton	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Andy Kiler	Denise Rickell	Barbara Guthrie	Brooks Hoffman
Offering Ushers	John Gregg Todd Robinson Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst	Jeremy Edwards Barb Skelley Bill Skelley Gene Yingling
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Audrey Shaffer Bart Walder	Susan Burnette Christine Crouch Norman Downes Barb Yingling	Susan Burnette Maripat Luntz Sandy Voight Bart Walder	Rhonda Kiler Wendy Maloney Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips
Acolytes	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Reese Harden Winston Harden	Jordan Bosnick Willis Kiler	Ashton Eckhardt Tanner Eckhardt
Crucifer	Bart Walder	-----	Ashton Eckhardt	-----
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll	Christine Crouch	Connie Dattilio	Denise Rickell
Bell Ringer	Brian Kremen	Gene Yingling	Frank Burnette	Bart Walder

Thanksgiving Eve:

**Wednesday,
November 23rd
7 pm**

Head Usher	Rhonda Kiler
Altar Guild	Sandy Voight
Greeters	Linda Black Bart Walder
Lector	Judy Bixler
Offering Ushers	Audrey Shaffer Brenda Wulforst Barb Yingling Gene Yingling
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Norman Downes Denise Rickell
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Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll
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NOTE:

The Worship Assistant Schedules are subject to change during any weekend service above. Reminder emails or phone calls are sent each week.

Should you be unable to fulfill your duty responsibility ~ **CONTACT**

Susan Burnette (sb31220@gmail.com)

December 2016 Worship Assistants

~ 5pm Saturday Services ~

	Saturday December 3 <small>Advent 2</small>	Saturday December 10 <small>Advent 3</small>	Saturday December 17 <small>Advent 4</small>	Saturday December 31 <small>Lessons & Carols</small>
Head Usher	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain	Jeanne Swain
Greeter	Janis Hagert	Charlotte Hann	Barb Davidson	Linda Black
Lector	Linda Black	Fred Ayers	Luther Myers	Judy Bixler
Offering Ushers	Janis Hagert Rodgers Hagert	Charlotte Hann Walter Hann	Barb Davidson Ron Davidson	Linda Black Jeanne Swain
Communion	Linda Black	Fred Ayers	Jeanne Swain	Judy Bixler

~ 9am Sunday Services ~

	Sunday December 4 <small>Advent 2</small>	Sunday December 11 <small>Advent 3</small>	Sunday December 18 <small>Advent 4</small>
Head Usher	Tony Mancuso	Tony Mancuso	Tony Mancuso
Altar Guild	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette
Greeters	Betty Miller Pam Newton	Jane Taylor Delores Whitehead	Chris Miller Debbie Miller
Lector	Todd Robinson	Russell Jensen	Bob Nicoll
Offering Ushers	Norman Downes Debbie Hebrank Linda Schmidt Ron Schmidt	Debbie Mace Steve Mace Alice Warehime Dale Warehime	Laurie Miller Steve Miller Brenda Murray Brenda Wulforst
Communion Stewards	Frank Burnette Susan Burnette Carolyn Phillips Carroll Phillips	Susan Burnette Denise Rickell Audrey Shaffer Bart Walder	Susan Burnette Christine Crouch Maripat Luntz John Popp
Acolytes	Jordan Bosnick Austin Gregg	Reese Harden Winston Harden	Ashton Eckhardt Willis Kiler
Pray w/ Pastor	Bob Nicoll	Christine Crouch	Connie Dattilio
Bell Ringer	Ernest Weiss	Brian Kremen	Frank Burnette



2016 Christmas Poinsettia Order Form
(Sale runs Saturday, Dec. 3rd ~ Sunday, Dec. 18th)

Name: _____ Envelope # _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Poinsettias Cost: \$10 each

**** One Poinsettia Per Order, Please ****

Please fill out the appropriate space below
exactly as you wish it to appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

In MEMORY of: _____

~ OR ~

In HONOR of: _____

Sponsored By: _____

Payment of \$ _____ is enclosed.

CIRCLE ONE: Cash / Check # _____

1. Make your check payable to: Immanuel Lutheran Church.
2. Place this completed information with your payment in the envelope provided.
3. Place envelope in the 'Poinsettia' basket in the office OR through the office door slot.
4. DEADLINE IS: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th.

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